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Torres to sign FY 2017 budget today

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be signing House Bill 19-19, better known as the CNMI government's Fiscal Year 2017 budget, today in a brief ceremony at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe.

Torres is expected to sign the bill at 9am and will take place ahead of the back-to-back proclamation signings. **See BUDGET on Page 4**

\$100K cash bail maintained on suspected 'ice' source

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday maintained the \$100,000 cash bail imposed on Yan Lung Yu, who was tagged as a source of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Camacho said if Yu will be able to post bail, among the conditions is that he will have no direct or indirect contact to co-defendants Juan Delos Reyes Tydingco and Jesse Aguon Villagomez.

Preliminary hearing in Yu's case will be on Oct. 4, 2016 at 1:30pm.

Camacho said a private counsel

will be appointed for the 32-year-old Yu.

The defendant is facing a charge of conspiracy to commit trafficking of controlled substance.

Yu, through a Chinese interpreter, informed the court that he works as a driver of a travel agency.

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HUMANITIES MONTH

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres poses with the staff and members of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council after signing a proclamation designating October as Humanities Month yesterday at the Governor's Office on Capitol Hill.

ERWIN ENCINARES

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Torres, military to make trip to Pagan

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be leading a joint CNMI and U.S. panel that would go to Pagan this Friday. The

trip is part of the ongoing 902 talks in regards to the U.S. military's proposal of putting up a live-fire training facility in one of the Commonwealth's northernmost islands.

Governor's Office legal counsel

Wes Bogdan, Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), and Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) will join Torres, while Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'ana and Steve Eisner for the U.S. panel.

Torres said they would just show Pagan to them so they could have an idea of its environment. "We will just be showing them the homestead program."

Last month, after the 902 talks in Hawaii, Torres gave instructions to push through with the homestead

program. "I also instructed Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne [Teregeyo] to move ahead with the homestead program that needs to be availed to locals up north."

He added that they would also show the sites and areas on Pagan.

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Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts are separating after 11 years together. The celebrity couple says in a joint statement Monday.

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Local

HPO archaeologist plans to revive WWII underwater trail

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CNMI Historic Preservation Office staff archaeologist James Pruitt shared with the members of the Rotary Club of Saipan his interests in reviving certain dive spots on the island for a sustainable eco-tourism spot that could possibly attract tourists.

During the club's weekly meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pruitt said the site, officially named "Battle of Saipan WWII Maritime Heritage Trail," is an underwater counterpart to a walking and hiking trail with scenic historical sites.

"Some places have interpretive walking and hiking trails where you walk along something and there are signs that describe the sites you see and what happened there. It was modeled after that, but underwater."

Such ambitions came with certain challenges but were quickly worked around on. "Underwater, they couldn't

put the signs down, they were into logistical and expense problems with that, so they decided to make the signs on dive slates you can carry with you," said Pruitt.

The memorial diving trail has actually existed since 2009, however it has been long since forgotten.

"It is the WWII Maritime Heritage Trail, created in 2009 under an American Battlefield Protection Program grant, from the National Park Service, and this trail was created, interpretive dive sites and posters were made, a management plan was made, but it has been lying dormant since. The group that did it is coming back next year to reassess the sites and to possibly add more sites, and now I am trying to talk about it now, to bring back public awareness," shared Pruitt.

Pruitt also shared in an interview that one of the main reasons for the revival of the project is to take advantage of the booming tourism industry



ERWIN ENCINARES

CNMI Historic Preservation Office staff archaeologist James Pruitt explains the possible benefits of reviving the Battle of Saipan World War II Maritime Heritage Trail to Saipan Rotary Club members during the club's weekly meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

in the CNMI.

"The main goal of the project—it was an American Battlefield Protection Program grant, so they had to look at the battlefield itself, for the battle of Saipan, and these sites as a component of that battle. Realistically, it is more of a push to try and develop something that can be used for sustainable eco-tourism, that if these sites that are underwater are documented and made more available to the public, that would be more of a draw for tourism to come dive at these sites," said Pruitt. "I am also trying to go into this other area of public outreach and bringing the heritage of everything that happened here to the public as tourism is increasing. Tourism is increasing with all these new resorts and hotels and maybe they're coming here for a different reason, but if we can get one person's attention and teach them something about this island that we live on, then that's one more person that knows about our

little paradise at sea," Pruitt added.

He was also quick to mention that one of the goals of the project is to be able to provide more to the tourists besides the usual attractions.

"Obviously we are only talking about World War II, we are not talking about anything before that, but this model could be used for other sites as well, such as making more trails of eco-tourism for ancient Chamorro sites, or sites that are important to the Carolinian migration, things like that, to try and bring cultural heritage to the forefront of tourism as an alternative to coming here for shopping, enjoyment, and gambling, not that I am against things like that," added Pruitt.

The dive sites are located all throughout the Tanapag Lagoon, with 12 total dive sites, nine of which are between Managaha and Saipan, while the other three are the partially submerged tanks that could be seen down at Susupe.



BAN ON BETEL NUT TO MINORS

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated center, joins Commonwealth Cancer Association members and other oral cancer advocates for a group photo after signing House Bill 19-65, introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), seated second left, last Friday at the Governor's Office's conference room. HB 19-65 is now Public Law 19-66.

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AS FISCAL YEAR 2016 ENDS FRIDAY

Legislative delegations pass slew of local bills

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The local legislative delegations of the Saipan and Northern Islands and Tinian and Aguiguan passed their respective local bills in separate sessions yesterday at the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building in Capital Hill. SNILD held its session at the House chamber while TALD had theirs at the Senate presi-

dent's conference room.

SNILD unanimously voted to pass House Local Bill 19-76 that would amend a specific language on Saipan Local Law 19-19 so that the money appropriated could still be used even after the end of the fiscal year.

The TALD also passed Tinian Local Bill 19-4, which aims to make limited appropriations for personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino and Gam-

ing Control Commission, the Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Tinian Municipal Treasury for fiscal year 2017.

SLL 19-19 appropriated \$1 million from the exclusive annual gaming license fees allotted for the CNMI's Third Senatorial District. The local delegation voted unanimously to include "without fiscal limitation" language on SLL 19-19.

The 2016 fiscal year ends on Friday, Sept. 30, and the money

appropriated under SLL 19-19, which was signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last month, will also expire without the amendment of the provision.

"So what we did today was to ask the members to allow us to discuss and consider adding a provision on the local law so that it would allow expenditure beyond the fiscal year," said Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan).

He said putting the without

limitation clause would allow them to have the funds at their disposal or be re-appropriated to other programs. "[The] without fiscal year limitation [clause] would allow the funds to be re-appropriated in case a project becomes stagnant. We all agreed that would be the proper language."

He added that it will not make any sense if the money appropriated would just lapse and not spent to fund a particular project if the fiscal year ends. "We realized the error that we failed to put in a provision that would extend the

expenditure of such funds beyond the 2016 fiscal year."

Some of the projects that the Legislature appropriated money either involve in constructing or repairing of facilities or will be funding specific programs for the community. Construction projects require architectural and engineering designs.

Construction projects won't be finished in 30 days and having the without fiscal limitation clause would mean the projects that are funded by the money appropriated would continue. It would not lapse or be terminated after Friday.

IN CASE VS ALLEGED 'ICE' TRAFFICKER

OAG seeks court's nod to have Guam Police criminalist to testify via Skype

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The Office of the Attorney General has requested the Superior Court to allow the government's witness who is based in Guam to testify through Skype technology or other video conferencing method during the trial of suspected trafficker of methamphetamine or "ice."

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, said allowing Guam Police Department criminalist Analyn D. Gatus Akigami to testify via Skype serves as important public policy interest.

Hinds said due to advances in Skype technology, defendant Ruiwei Huang will not be unfairly prejudiced as he will be able to adequately confront Akigami during the trial.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set the hearing of the government's motion for Oct. 5, 2016. The bench trial of Huang will be on Nov. 14, 2016.

Hinds said at the time this matter was set for trial, the government requested assistance from the Guam Police Department for Lab analysis of drug evidence.

Hinds said in order for a witness to testify remotely via Skype, a public policy interest must exist, and the defendant's right to confrontation must be preserved.

The prosecutor said allowing witnesses to testify via Skype serves important public policy interests, especially in a jurisdiction such as the insular CNMI.

Citing a previous order issued by Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja that allowed a lab technician to testify via Skype, Hinds said the government intends

to use the testimony of Akigami to lay the foundation for the analysis and drug test results requested by the OAG in Huang's case.

Hinds said Akigami's testimony will aid the finder of fact in showing that Huang possessed a controlled substance, and committed the offense of illegal possession of controlled substance.

Hinds said the government would incur a great deal of cost in bringing Akigami to the CNMI for trial.

Therefore, he said, allowing Akigami to testify as an expert witness through Skype or other two-way communication method serves as important public policy interest.

Hinds said defendant will also have the opportunity to cross-examine Akigami directly after her testimony.

The OAG originally charged the 41-year-old Huang, also known as JCC Brother and Brother No-No, with two counts of trafficking controlled substance ("ice") and three counts of possession of controlled substance ("ice").

The five charges carry a possible maximum sentence of 65 years imprisonment.

The OAG amended and dismissed the most serious of the charges. The only remaining charge is possession of controlled substance, an offense that carries a possible maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

Last June, members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Huang for allegedly selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

DETF Officer Rudolph C. Sablan Jr. stated in his report that their "cooperating source" managed to buy \$340 worth of "ice" from Huang inside a car in the parking lot of JCC Laundromat in Gara-

pan that same day.

Sablan said the same "cooperating source" purchased \$120 worth of "ice" from Huang during the second buy-walk operation at the same location last May 11.

A DETF officer tested presumptively positive for the presence of methamphetamine the 1.13 grams of substance involved in the first deal and the 0.9 grams in the second transaction.

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Tropical disturbance brings widespread showers in Marianas

A tropical disturbance that is bringing widespread showers and thunderstorms is expected to move through the Marianas this afternoon and evening, Wednesday.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service Guam, as of 12:30pm yesterday, the center of the tropical disturbance was 485 miles east of Saipan or 560 miles east of Guam.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres advised residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to stay informed on the latest statements and

advisories which will be available through local media sources.

NWS said those who are planning any outdoor or marine activities should be aware of current conditions.

NWS said after the center of the tropical disturbance passes the Marianas, scattered locally heavy showers and thunderstorms will likely to persist through Thursday night.

NWS said weather conditions may be hazardous over the next few days. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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NYMWPS celebrates first anniversary

A year ago, Dr. Celia Lamkin founded and launched the National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea during the West Philippine Sea Forum that she initiated and organized in partnership with the University of the Philippines Agribusiness Society at UP Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines despite her absence in the said event and her medical condition.

Lamkin was inspired by the success of the essay contest on West Philippine Sea that she launched in November 2012, where 327 high school and college students in the Philippines and overseas participated.

The West Philippine Sea Forum intended to dissect the indomitable Filipino rights in the West Philippine Sea.

Lamkin, who initiated and organized this WPS forum, and chairperson of the West Philippine Sea Forum Organizing Committee added, "With the distinguished credentials as well as their deep knowledge on the West Philippine Sea issues, the prominent and well-respected guest speakers will provide the youth and the rest of the audience an increased

awareness and relevant insights on a matter that unquestionably affects our national security, marine resources, ecosystem and the Philippines' future generations."

Almost 1,000 attendees, including the students of UPLB, youth, and other sectors, attended the forum and the launch of the NYMWPS.

NYMWPS mission and goals

The preamble of the National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea states:

"We, the Filipino youth, recognize our duty to uphold the territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines, cognizant to the importance of the West Philippine Sea to our national progress, and to establish a Movement that shall embody our collective ideals and objectives as follows:

1. To assert the position of the Filipino youth that fully recognizes the indisputable sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines over its claims in the West Philippine Sea in conformity with the international law.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea founder and Global chair Dr. Celia Lamkin addresses the crowd during the Saipan victory rally at Beach Road, San Jose.

2. To instill the values of patriotism to the Filipino youth as well as to rekindle their national spirit.

3. To effectively educate the youth on the West Philippine Sea and raise awareness on its socioeconomic and political importance to the nation.

4. To enable the youth to participate in activities that

shall protect the marine resources in the West Philippine Sea as well as to protect the rights and welfare of other sectors in the West Philippine Sea such as those in Pag-Asa Island and other Kalayaan Group of Islands (Spratlys), Palawan, and the Scarborough Shoal or Bajo de Masinloc, Masinloc, Zambalez.

There are 23 chapters of the NYMWPS in the Philippines and different continents of the world including Saipan.

A documentary film produced by NYMWPS will be shown online during the anniversary of NYMWPS. Other anniversary activities include the beauty pageant "Miss West Philippine Sea" that will be held in Manila, Philippines, West Philippine Sea Forum on Saipan, essay writing and poster contest on the sentiments of the youth on victory of the West Philippine Sea, and continuous public awareness and education in the West Philippine Sea, among others, added Lamkin.

In January 2013, during President Benigno Aquino's administration, the Philippines filed an arbitration case against China with regard to the West Philippine Sea at the UN Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, Netherlands.

On July 12, 2016, the Philippines won the arbitration case against China.

"I urge the youth and the Filipinos in the Philippines and overseas as well as the global citizens and international community to support our cause."

"The victory of our West Philippine Sea is the victory of every Filipino." Lamkin concluded. (PR)



The officers of the NYMWPS Marianas chapter pose for a group photo with Dr. Celia Lamkin during their oath-taking last year.

BUDGET

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declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Fire Safety Month. The 2016 fiscal year ends on Friday, Sept. 30.

He made the announcement in yesterday's signing of HB 19-126 or the act to amend 1 CMC 3405 regarding the judicial building fund and to authorize the CNMI government to enter into a loan agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) also announced it in yesterday's session of the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation at the House Chamber of the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. He invited SNILD

members and other lawmakers to attend today's signing.

Torres said he would veto some of the provisions of the budget bill, but nothing that would greatly affect it. "I'll be signing the bill [today]. There will be some a little bit of vetoing but nothing that would hamper the budget itself."

He added that he wanted to finally sign into law the budget bill, introduced by Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), before the start of the 2017 fiscal year on Saturday. "We want to move forward with this and those [provisions] that are vetoed, I'm sure we could address that at a later date."

Torres had less than three days to review the CNMI budget bill after the Legislature, which finished the bicameral conference committee meeting last Friday, unanimously

passed it in separate emergency sessions last Saturday. The Legislature went on a conference meeting after the House voted 18-2 to reject some of the amendments made by the Senate.

The Executive Branch prepares and submits the budget proposal to the House, which in turn would file a bill. The administration proposed a budget of \$142,209,601 that would fund the government's various departments, agencies, branches, and programs.

Torres assumed the CNMI's top post after the death of then Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Dec. 28 last year. The CNMI Commonwealth Code considers Torres a new governor.

According to CMC 1 7201 the preparation of the proposed annual budget shall take "no later than six months

before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Governor shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a balanced budget for review as required by [the CNMI] Constitution, Art. III, IX (a) and the provisions of this part."

"In the event of a change in administration, the new Governor shall make his or her first submission no later than five months before the beginning of the fiscal year."

April 1, 2016 is the start of counting for six months and May 1 if five. FY 2017 begins on Oct. 1.

Torres returned to Saipan last Monday after making official trips to Alaska and Washington, D.C. He said, in an earlier statement, that despite being off-island he is fully aware of what's taking place in the Legislature.

ICE

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CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force agents, along with Department of Public Safety police officers and CNMI Customs K9 Unit, arrested Yu, Tydingco, Villagomez, and a woman while they were serving an arrest warrant to Tydingco at his residence in As Lito Friday night.

DETF said their cooperating source managed to buy 0.83

grams of "ice" worth \$140 from Tydingco last Aug. 16.

DETF said during an interview, Tydingco confessed that Yu has been his source of "ice" for over a year now.

Tydingco allegedly stated that prior to the arrival of DETF agents on Friday, Villagomez handed him \$300 to help him buy "ice."

Tydingco allegedly called Yu to purchase \$300 worth of "ice."

The role of the woman was not indicated in police reports.

PAGAN

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"For them [military] to show us what they are proposing. And for us to see if there are any changes or amendments in their proposed project and partnership."

The governor said he fully supports the military but disagrees with what was planned in the original proposal. The CNMI government had already signed a programmatic agreement for a divert airfield on the island of Tinian.

Several environmental

groups had filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Navy and Secretary Ray Mabus, and U.S. Department of Defense and Secretary Ashton Carter. The lawsuit has limited the U.S. military's statements in their ongoing talks with the CNMI government about their plans.

Torres and a delegation from Tinian were invited by the military last month at Kane'ohe Bay in Hawaii to observe how live-fire training is done. They inspected the facility and watched how the live-fire training was done using small types of munitions.



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Trump campaign announces Asian Pacific American advisory committee

NEW YORK, NY—Donald J. Trump is pleased to announce his Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee. The women and men on the committee are elected, appointed and grassroots leaders who will engage Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) on relevant issues to these important and vibrant communities. Governors Eddie Calvo and Ralph DLG Torres of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands, respectively, will serve as the council's co-chairs.

The committee members will support and strengthen ties to each community and provide recommendations on how best to ensure AAPI voices are heard and included in the Campaign. Furthermore, the committee's formation represents Trump's and Governor Pence's commitment to AAPI communities.

Trump and Pence will meet with members of the committee and AAPI leaders to discuss growing concerns over educational opportunities, employment and the economy, which are of paramount concern to AAPI families across this nation. Trump understands the critical role Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders play in the growing and providing for an energetic economic base, which has been lacking over the past eight years of Obama/Clinton policies.

"Mr. Trump's Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee is a great addition to the vibrancy of his campaign," said Brunswick, Ohio Mayor Ron Falconi. "His ability to connect with everyday Americans is a testament of his character, and



AP
Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump answers a question during the presidential debate with Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

what he wants to do to bring America forward from the past eight years."

Dr. Lisa Shin said, "The Trump/Pence ticket will bring meaningful change to Washington. No longer will DC bureaucrats decide what's best for Asian American and Pacific Islander families. Supporting Mr. Trump and Governor Pence will allow AAPIs to truly have a voice in how we want to educate our families and raise our children."

Additional members of the Committee will be added in the future.

Advisory Committee Members include:

■ Mr. James Aldan Ada,

NMI

■ Mr. Puneet Ahluwalia, Virginia

■ Honorable Steve Austria, Ohio

■ Governor Eddie Calvo, Guam (Co-Chair)

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■ Mr. David Tian Wang, California

■ Honorable Martha Wong, Texas (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Volunteer judges needed for the Int'l Thespian Society

The International Thespian Society will hold its first competition for this school year and volunteers are encouraged to help adjudicate the following events: Acting, musical, and technical theater such as costume design, set design, marketing, and short film. The event will be held at San Antonio Middle School on Oct. 1, 2016 and judges' reporting time is 1pm. If you are interested in sharing your talents in evaluating our students, please send an email to: thespians@hotmail.com and a rubric will be sent to you. (PR)

OPA to conduct presentation on campaign finance, reporting

The Office of the Public Auditor will be conducting presentations on campaign finance and reporting on the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. The dates and times for each of the presentations are as follows:

■ **Saipan:** Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016

6pm-8pm
Multipurpose Center, Supe

■ **Rota:** Monday, Oct. 3, 2016

5pm-7pm
Northern Marianas College-Rota Campus

■ **Tinian:** Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016

1pm-3pm
Northern Marianas College-Tinian Campus

Given the statutory restrictions relating to campaign spending and reporting, all candidates and their treasurers are strongly urged to attend. (PR)

Navy, Coast Guard to conduct training at W-517

ASAN, Guam—The Navy and Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on 28 from noon to 6pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is

an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

CCOPS starts membership drive

The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools is having a membership drive. Schools that would like to join CCOPS will need to provide the necessary paperwork for the Compliance Committee to review. The required documents are a current business license, a copy of the school's current curriculum, and an anonymous list of current faculty assignments and their qualifications.

The coalition will also hold a meeting on Sept. 28 at 3:30pm at the Mount Carmel School faculty lounge. Current and prospective members are invited to attend.

If you would like more information about joining CCOPS, please contact the Coalition president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com. (PR)

AMP launches 2016 Every Kid in a Park program

American Memorial Park encourages all fourth graders to visit the park this year as part of the Every Kid in a Park program.

The Every Kid in a Park program is an Administration-wide effort between the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Army, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The program continues each year with the then-current group of fourth graders. After 12 years, every school-age child in America will have had an opportunity to visit their public land and waters for free, inspiring the next generation to be stewards of our nation's shared natural and cultural heritage.

For more information, please visit www.everykidinapark.gov and follow the program on Twitter @everykidinapark, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. (PR)

Mother testifies in trial of ex-firefighter who allegedly sexually abused her minor daughter

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A mother testified yesterday that she was shocked, scared, and confused after her minor daughter told her that she was sexually abused by former firefighter Jergerson Techur Koshiba at a residence in Navy Hill.

The jury trial of Koshiba will continue today, Wednesday, 9:30am at the Superior Court. Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo is presiding over the trial that commenced on Monday.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub, counsel for the government, is expected to call the alleged victim to the witness stand today, Wednesday. AAG Shannon Foley is assisting Weintraub in the trial.

The mother testified that

she was sleeping in the house when her daughter woke her up and told her that Koshiba touched her private parts.

The mother said she let her daughter sleep beside her as she (mother) went back to sleep.

She said the following morning, she woke her daughter up and asked her about the incident. She said her daughter was scared and was grabbing her legs.

The mother said she brought her daughter to the house of her sister. She said she told her sister about what happened.

The mother said later that day it was agreed by some family members to call the police.

The mother also stated that prior to the incident, there was a birthday celebration at the house and there was a drinking session.

During cross-examination by defense attorney Joaquin Torres, the mother said she was not mad at Koshiba.

Torres asked the mother that according to her testimony her daughter was scared after Koshiba allegedly touched her private parts, yet she was not mad at Koshiba.

The mother replied "no" because she was confused, scared, and shocked at that time.

In the government's re-direct examination on the mother, Weintraub asked why she was not mad at Koshiba then.

The mother explained that she had to figure out and asked her daughter again because she wanted to make sure that she was telling the truth.

The mother said she believed her daughter.

Asked by Weintraub why she did not immediately call

the police, the mother said she was still shocked at that time.

Before the mother's testimony, the government called to the witness stand police detective Dee Liza S. Udui, who was among the investigators in the case.

Udui arrested Koshiba at night of Feb. 27, 2016 on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and disturbing the peace.

Police Detective Vincent Igisaia stated in his report that preliminary investigation showed that the girl was sleeping on the living room couch when Koshiba allegedly touched her private parts.

The girl was awakened and ran for fear to the bedroom, where her mother was sleeping. The girl told the mother what happened.

Police said there was a party at the house, where a drinking session started Friday at 6pm (Feb. 26) and ended Saturday (Feb. 27) at 12am.

Torres proclaims October as Humanities Month

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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REPORTER

Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell shares how important October is for them.

"Each October is CNMI Humanities Month and it's a time where we bring public attention to the importance of the humanities," he said, after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the document proclaiming October to be Humanities Month yesterday at the Governor's Office.

Russell shared that all throughout the year, the council is doing events and programs that share information about the humanities here in the CNMI.

"We have a suite of programs in October to highlight the month. Of course, we do it all year, but this is a special month for us. This particular October we would be celebrating our 25th anni-

versary," he said.

According to Russell, the understanding of the humanities in society is crucial for the development of the next generation, particularly those who are interested in the humanities.

"The importance of the humanities to the fabric of society here is it reaches all ages in the community, from junior high school students to elderly people. We have a number of programs that involves students, college students, people in the general public, and people with specific interests in humanities, such as history, culture, languages, and political development."

Russell shared that one of the many upcoming programs for October would be on Oct. 11, Tuesday, in which a collection of presentations would be discussed by researchers that specialize in early human settlements in

the Pacific.

"Our first main program would be a presentation of Dr. Peter Bellwood, Dr. Mike Carson, and Dr. Hsiao Chun Hung. Dr. Carson is a younger fellow that underwent his doctorate program at the Australian National University under Dr. Bellwood," said Russell. "He is working at an early period site in Lau lau, Unai Bapot, and at the very bottom of the excavation area it has the earliest settlement in the Marianas, dating back 3,500 years ago. He would be here next month working on that excavation, but he would be talking about the latest findings," he added.

Also worth noting is the 25th anniversary of the coun-



ERWIN ENCINARES
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs the document proclaiming October 2016 as CNMI Humanities Month yesterday at the Governor's Office on Capitol Hill.

cil. In celebration of this, a fundraiser would be held on Oct. 28 along with the

awarding of the Governor's Humanities Awards and a speech by keynote speaker

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner.

For more information, contact the council at 235-4785.

Ex-Corrections officer Falig pleads guilty to 'ice' possession

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Former Corrections officer Mariano Q. Falig Jr. pleaded guilty yesterday to the offense of illegal possession of controlled substance involving 0.30 gross grams of crystal methamphetamine or "ice."

Falig, 38, also admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation in connection with his conviction in 2015 in a domestic violence case.

Under the plea deal, the defendant is facing up to possible maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho accepted Falig's guilty plea and the plea agreement.

Camacho granted the defendant's request for a pre-sentence investigation report and set the sentencing for Jan. 18, 2017 at 9am.

The judge vacated the bench trial set for Oct. 3, 2016.

After the hearing, Falig was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

The Office of the Attorney General originally charged the defendant with two counts of illegal possession of controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of ammunition.

The OAG later filed an amended information containing one count of illegal possession of controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of ammunition.

Last Sept. 6, the OAG requested the court to allow the

government to remove the charge of possession of ammunition. The court granted the request. The second amended information contained only one count of illegal possession of controlled substance.

Falig and counsel, assistant public defender Michael Sato, signed a plea deal with the government represented by assistant attorney general Chester Hinds.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on June 7, 2016 on Saipan, Falig unlawfully possessed 0.30 gross grams of crystal methamphetamine.

The OAG recently moved to revoke Falig's probation for failing to obey all CNMI laws when he was arrested last June 8 for the charges of illegal possession of controlled substance and unlawful possession of ammunition.

In July 2015, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio slapped Falig with a one-year prison term for pleading guilty to the offenses of assault and criminal mischief when he slashed the tire and scratched with a knife the vehicle of his then-pregnant girlfriend and threatened to kill her outside a bar in Garapan in November 2014.

Kim-Tenorio gave Falig 230 days of credit for time served.

Upon release from prison, the defendant was placed on supervised probation for three years.

In March 2014, a federal court jury acquitted Falig of the charges that he distributed "ice" on Saipan.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of September 26, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC	09/02/2016 SW-2016-X-074	Soil Investigation	Chalan Laulau	Shoreline	Approved, 09/20/2016
3. Kwon & Byun Corp. dba. Saipan Atty Dive	09/06/2016 SLRm-2016-X-075	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/15/2016
4. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
5. Stanley T. Torres	09/14/2016 SWm-2016-X-077	Land clearing and Subsistence Farming	Santa Lourdes, As Teo	Wetland	Under Review*
6. Blue Bay Diving Shop	09/09/2016 SLRm-2016-X-078 Amendment	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/16/2016
7. Mike Carson, University Of Guam	09/13/2016 SSm-2016-X-079	Archeological Research	Laolao Beach	Shoreline	Approved, 09/20/2016
8. Saipan Sea Ventures	09/15/2016 SPI-2016-X-080	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 09/20/2016
9. Maria Malua T. Peter	09/19/2016 SSm-2016-X-081	Monument	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved, 09/23/2016
10. Saipan Wave Corporation	09/21/2016 S/TLRm-2016-X-082	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 09/23/2016
11. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

NMTI holds 76th commencement rites

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REPORTER

Northern Marianas Trades Institute conducted its 76th commencement exercises last Monday at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

NMTI boasts a growing number of graduates through the years and the 76th commencement exercise had 75 graduates, a high percentage of whom usually gets hired straight into the workforce.

"Thirty percent of the student body gets hired straight into the workforce. Almost half of the culinary classes are already working for Hyatt," shared Hyatt Regency Saipan executive sous chef and NMTI culinary instructor Zenn Tomokane.

NMTI Student Development director and Human Resource manager Victor Mesta thinks that these statistics are a good motivating factor for students to both enroll and graduate at NMTI.

"If it isn't, I don't what would be. They get to see the hotels in action, the students in action, and everything else that comes along with it," he said.

Tomokane also shared the importance of on-the-job training, one of the aspects of NMTI that makes them unique and how the unconventional way of experiencing



ERWIN ENCINARES

Northern Marianas Trades Institute class of 2016 poses for a picture with instructors Monday at the 76th NMTI commencement exercises at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

visors and managers within your respective fields of study. You are really NMTI's proud products."

NMTI is a trades school focused mainly on skill-oriented programs that can equip individuals with the proper knowledge and experience in automotive technology, culinary arts, construction trades, hotel and restaurant operations, and HVAC maintenance.

DEQ hosts permitting program open house on Rota

Division of Environmental Quality is hosting a permitting program open house on the island of Rota. The two-day event already started yesterday but continues today, Sept. 28, 9am-4:30pm at the Rota Mayor's Office.

The purpose of the open house event is to provide public education/outreach to the community on Rota regarding the permit requirements and process involved when one is seeking to obtain a permit from the various permitting programs under DEQ. This is a great opportunity for the Rota community to engage on a one-to-one discussion with staff who manages and implements the permitting programs at DEQ. The permitting programs that will be at the open house include the following:

- Earthmoving and erosion control/wastewater
- Solid and hazardous waste litter control
- Pesticides application and certification
- Aboveground/underground and storage tanks
- Water quality certification
- Well drilling and well operation
- Air quality/air pollution control

DEQ encourages the community on Rota to participate in this open house and take advantage of the opportunity engage and ask questions from the knowledgeable staff at DEQ. This is a great opportunity come and learn about the programs that are protecting public health and your natural resources environments through permit conditions, enforcement, and compliance.

For more information, please contact Reina Camacho at 664-8500. (PR)

the industry workplace before studying in-depth can help improve the learning experience.

"On-the-job training is important for skill training. I've been on this profession for more than half of my whole life. Just recently, four years ago, I moved to the mainland to pursue higher education to prepare for my position today," he said. "Years and years

of working experience then actually getting the professional material, made sense to me. What we're trying to do is get those that are already in the field to come over and get professional training to apply it at their workplace."

Saipan Chamber of Com-

» 75 students graduate from trades school

merce president Velma Palacios congratulated the graduates in behalf of NMTI board chair John Oliver Gonzales.

"I applaud you all for having the self discipline and tenacity to pursue greater employment opportunities. This is the investment you have made

by pursuing your studies at NMTI," said Palacios. "My colleagues and I congratulate you on this special day. You just built upon your current resume. Today marks your graduation and depending on where you take your newly acquired skills, tomorrow could be a job promotion. I hope to be hearing soon that many of you become super-

GMS 6th graders win in PSS' Achieve3000

Green Meadow School's 6th graders were named one of the winners in Public School System's Achieve3000.

Achieve3000 is a federally funded program offered to both public and private schools at the opening of the school year. From Aug. 9 to Sept. 9, GMS students from

Kinder 5 to 6th grade were given the opportunity to use Achieve3000's programs like Smarty Ants (Kinder-5 up to 1st) and KidBiz (2nd-6th). These online differentiated learning resources are great in enhancing the reading and writing skills of students.

To determine the winners,

PSS looked for classes with 100 percent level set completion and at least two activities completed by all students enrolled in the program. Classes that met these criteria were entered into a raffle to win an ice cream party with a value prize of \$25. Only one class per school was selected.

Other winning classes came from Brilliant Star Montessori School and Dandan Middle School.

There were daily, weekly, and monthly top scorers posted by Achieve3000. Two GMS students made it to the daily top scorers list. Elijah R. Umali (5th grade) topped the

school level on Sept. 29, while Areeza Gaile Anda (5th grade) was ranked No. 1 in the entire CNMI on Aug. 30.

GMS principal Milagros Songcuan congratulated the winning class and was pleased that students are having fun reading and writing using Achieve3000. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Green Meadow School's 6th graders pose with their adviser Lorelisa Espiritu, right, and Achieve3000 Curriculum and Implementation consultant Troy Akiyama, second right.

Independence for Guåhan Task Force launches Fanhita campaign

GUAM—The Independence for Guåhan Task Force held its second general assembly last Sept. 22 at the main pavilion of the Chamorro Village in Hagåtña.

More than 70 people gathered to listen to presentations, pay tribute to a Chamorro educational pioneer and to help coordinate small family and organization-based conversations meant to diversify the

Star 101 adds another big name local talent

GUAM—Choice Broadcasting has brought another radio heavyweight onboard to hold down the weekday afternoon slot on STAR 101. Aaron Tamayo will be bringing his

talent and creativity to the staff as an on-air talent and production director. "Aaron and I started radio around the same time and it's awesome that we're starting our next adventure together," said STAR 101 content manager Kristine "Kai" Young.

Tamayo began his radio career in 2004 as a traffic reporter where his quick wit and appeal led to his first show on the weekends. His growing popularity with listeners ensured his steady rise and soon, Tamayo was promoted

Community given another opportunity to discuss medical cannabis bills

HAGÂTÑA, Guam— The final public hearing for Bill 343-33 and Bill 344-33 is set to be heard today, Sept. 28, 2016 at 6pm by Senator Dennis Rodriguez, the chairman on the Committee of Health.

Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes encourages the public to come out and state their

Base facilities
experience
duplicate charges

ASAN, Guam—Customers at Joint Region Marianas' base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Child and Youth Program (CYP) facilities may have recently experienced duplicate debit and credit card charges due to a computer system error.

A system update began on Saturday, Sept. 24 but was stopped the next day when some customers noticed erroneous charges. All facilities are working with the appropriate banks to refund those charges in the next few days.

There is no evidence of large-scale hacking or identity theft. Customers do not need to take any action to have their accounts refunded but they may reach out to the following point of contact for more information: Warfighter & Family Readiness at 349-4223. **(PR)**

ways in which our community is educated about decolonization and independence.

The meeting opened with a tribute to Dr. Bernadita Camacho-Dungca, a Chamorro linguist and indigenous rights activist best known for writing the Inifresi, who passed away earlier this year. The Inifresi calls on the people of Guam to pledge to protect and defend the precious natural and cul-

to weekday afternoon host. Tamayo worked at Hit Radio 100 for years before moving over to The KAT, where he spent the next few years continuing to shine.

Tamayo took a break from radio to focus on the family business, Anthony's Auto Air Conditioning. But, when Choice Broadcasting managing partner Ray Gibson came calling, Tamayo was quick to answer. "Radio is something that lives in your heart and soul," said Tamayo, "when Ray offered me the chance to come back to the thing I love most, I jumped at it."

Choice Broadcasting is equally delighted to having Tamayo's expertise and creativity heading their Produc-

concerns and recommendation
with the proposed initiative.

“These bills directly impact the health of people suffering with debilitating illnesses. It is important that we take the time to hear all issues and concerns from every impacted party including the medical doctors,” stated Barnes.

“We as policymakers have

tural resources of their island. It was in this spirit that this month's meeting focused on various ways in which these core elements of our lives are being threatened by Guam's use as a strategic base by the United States.

Guam's media and elected leaders often portray the U.S. bases on island as keeping Guam safe, and thus, community members regularly

tion Department. "Choice Broadcasting plans to bring something new to clients who are tired of the same boring radio commercials that tend to blend in with all the others. We know with Aaron in charge, we're going to be turning out some really unique sounding commercials that stand out and grab the listeners' attention," said Gibson.

Tamayo and Young, who will host the STAR 101 morning show, will take to the airwaves very soon when the station officially launches. Like its sister station, BOSS 104, the STAR will also have a fully interactive website, star101.gu, and a mobile app for listeners to play with and enjoy. **(PR)**

to facilitate the will of the people. Through countless public hearings, the public continues to direct the course our medical cannabis program should go. We must facilitate the implementation of the medical cannabis program,” stated Barnes.

For more information please
call 472-3455/6. **(PR)**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Edward C. Cabrera)	FCD – 01
Petitioner,)	CIVIL ACTION
)	NO. 15-0585
vs.)	
)	SUMMONS FOR
Amelita L. Quiazon)	PUBLICATION
Respondent)	
)	

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is Mailbox #274 Box 1085 as soon as practical after filing your answer to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you. by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court

The seal of the Northern Mariana Islands is circular. It features a central shield with a sun rising over a body of water, with a star above it. The shield is flanked by two palm trees. Above the shield is a banner with the words "NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS". The outer ring of the seal contains the text "COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS" at the top and "1978" at the bottom.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Saturday, October 01, 2016 at 9:00 am. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
September 17, 2016

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. To discuss graduate degree programs
2. To review proposed rules and regulations from previous board members

V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.

Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

³ Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

ask the task force how an independent Guam will prevent attacks from North Korea and China. Responding directly to this question, the task force's co-chair Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero, challenged the audience to more closely examine why Guam is threatened by these nations in the first place. Weaving together statements from military commanders and government officials both from the U.S. and Asia, she argued that any current threats to Guam are not aimed at the island or the people themselves, but rather at the U.S. military's offensive presence on the island. A presence that as an unincorporated territory, Guam has no formal authority over and no say in the actions of.

Co-chair of the task force's Educational Development Committee, attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja conducted the first in a monthly series of educational presentations on successful independent nations that Guam could use as self-governance models. She presented on Singapore, one of the "Four Asian Tigers" and widely considered to be one of the richest countries in the world. Singapore is slightly larger than Guam in terms of landmass, and has particularly been successful at trade. With

control of the island's port, an independent Guam could expand its trade industry and boost the economy.

The meeting concluded with co-chair of the Campaigns Committee Melvin Won Pat-Borja introducing the Fanhita initiative, which aims to bring the Task Force's educational outreach directly into the homes and offices of Guam. The Task Force is offering to organize educational conversations called fanināyan with smaller groups that are organized by interested members of the community. The meeting ended with several dozen individuals committing to organizing their family or co-workers to host such gatherings.

The Independence for

Guåhan Task Force will continue to host general assemblies every month, in addition to other outreach activities, thus providing a regular forum for the community to ask questions, obtain information and sign up to promote decolonization and independence for the island. The next general assembly will take place Oct. 27 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the main pavilion in the Chamorro Village.

For more information, please contact Independent Guåhan chairperson Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua at (671) 988-7106, email independentguahan@gmail.com, or visit www.independent-guahan.com. **(PR)**



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-16-IFB-024

ROOF AND WALL REPAIR OF OLD LEGISLATURE/4-H BLDG.

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for **Roof and Wall Repair of Old Legislature/4-H Bldg.** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **September 28, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standards

- Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
- Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.
- Contingent fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 21, 2016**, to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-024"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 03, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may submit an additional **Seven (7)** working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 03, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@ptpicom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 03, 2016**, and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **November 15, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, November 16, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 03, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Forty Five (45) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (\$5100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Hillary Clinton would make a sober, smart and pragmatic president. Donald Trump would be a catastrophe

American voters have a clear choice on Nov. 8. We can elect an experienced, thoughtful and deeply knowledgeable public servant or a thin-skinned demagogue who is unqualified and unsuited to be president.

Donald Trump, a billionaire businessman and television personality, is the latter. He has never held elected office and has shown himself temperamentally unfit to do so. He has run a divisive, belligerent, dishonest campaign, repeatedly aligning himself with racists, strongmen and thugs while maligning or dismissing large segments of the American public. Electing Trump could be catastrophic for the nation.

By contrast, Hillary Clinton is one of the best prepared candidates to seek the presidency in many years. As a first lady, a Democratic senator from New York and secretary of State in President Barack Obama's first term, she immersed herself in the details of government, which is why her positions on the issues today are infinitely better thought-out than those of her opponent.

She stands for rational, comprehensive immigration reform and an improvement rather than an abandonment of the Affordable Care Act. She supports abortion rights, wants to raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 an hour, hopes to reform the sentencing laws that have overcrowded American prisons, would repair the Voting Rights Act and help students to leave college without enormous debt. Abroad she would strengthen America's traditional alliances, continue the Obama administration's efforts to "degrade and ultimately defeat" Islamic State and negotiate with potential adversaries such as Russia and China in a way that balances realism and the protection of American interests. Unlike Trump, Clinton accepts the prevailing science on climate change and considers the issue to be "the defining challenge of our time."

Perhaps her greatest strength is her pragmatism — her ability to build consensus and solve problems. As president, she would be flexible enough and experienced enough to cut across party lines and work productively with her political opponents. As first lady, she worked with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, to create the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health care coverage to more than 8 million children. As a senator, she was instrumental in persuading a Republican president to deliver billions of dollars in aid to New York after September 11. As secretary of State, she led the charge to persuade nations around the world to impose the tough sanctions on Iran that led to the landmark nuclear agreement, and she negotiated a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas.

Throughout her public career, beginning with her work in the 1970s for the Children's Defense Fund, Clinton has advocated for women, children, the poor and minorities. She fought for what came to be known as "Hillarycare" 15 years before "Obamacare" became a thing; she has been outspoken in defense of women's rights around the globe, including in her powerful and influential speech in Beijing in 1995 proclaiming that "women's rights are human rights."

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Nubladu I Ha'ane

I ha'ane, nubladu. Homhum i tanu'. Dispues uchan ni fette, sinparat. Nachatsaga na siñiente lau regulat na klima gi tiempun uchan. Kontentuyu'.

Sige lumauyan ñaihon hinasoghu. Esta ti gaseta che'chu' achibau siha gi hegsu' imperadot I Deni'. Hokog para tafa' segni gi ti asegurai na karera mona. Mampos oppan i mañan no siakassu gi linala' i tautau-ta siha gi señoñg ginen maladisposision hegsu imperadot.

I komunidat bisnis ha aregla planun adelantu sin pattisipasion hegsu imperadot. Buente man-o'sun sin direksion desde dos años malofan! Dalai na disareglu!

'An hu fagcha'e tautau-ta gi inetnon familia sino tenda libianu un' sienti pinadesin familia gi ekspressiun matan niha. Ti ha nesessita este na asunto estudiu. Oppan gi matan i tautau siha maseha manu. Mampos ha estototbayu' haf' manmasusedi pa'gu.

I dinisehan para ta adelanta ha'anita gaige solu gi dos patman kanaita. Taya' otu gumugu'ot ennau na pudet fuera ke hagu mismu. Hahassu haf' propiu na disposision dispues.

Pot `Kanami:

Mamaisan i amiguha Magoo esplikasion hafa ekonomia. Ilelegña na yangin guaha adelantu pues mañge benifisioña i mansañgan pot tai adelantu suetdoña pot mas ke benti años na tiempu.

Ekonomia pot modu yan kualidat linala'ta. Debi u gai katsu ni mafanana'an "master plan". Estague' `nai humalum tomtum na inadiñgan planuta desde haf' para uma-adelanta, edukasion, hinemlu', yan otu patte siha gi ekonomian i tanu'.

Debi ekonomia suffisiente minetgotña `nai monedan familia libianu ha kubre nesessidat siha sin u fila gi luchan food stamps. Estague' na eskalera `nai anog na enfin toduboti hana' fan gama libre yan safu, dibuenamente. Mauleg kinalamten lamayot patte gi tautau-ta siha. Lau atlibes i masusedi na tiempu.

Sin este, pues trabiha binabatsala i ekonomia gi halum fachi' chinatsaga `nai megai pinadesi gi tautau siha. Un' asunto na ha nesessita menhalom yan kabilosu na kabisiyu! Sin este, kasi diariu mansiso' amaka hit desde oga'an esta'i lemlen tautau. Ta repite gi sigiente dia.

Chenut Hamalefa

Yangin i presenti na lehislatura tiha komprende haf' atoridatña gi apropiasion fondun publiku, anog na ni siha mismu tatnai marikonose mandatun konstitusion pot este na atoridat. Ignorante!

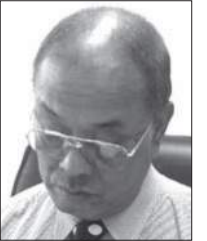
Ni unu kumaikaigue' para u defendi atoridat lehislatura pot oppan na ma-isague as Señot Biktot Hokog yan Larissa Larson lai konstitusion. Na-manman i mampus mansilensiu. Kau huegun politika este? Na ti man-manhula' hamyu para in' defendi lai i tanu'?

Este na malabida fumañañagu chechu' achibau (corruption) siha gi halum gobietnamentu. Lau kasi pot mañisiha ha' na mapus kadu' taya' i malabidan lache na disposision \$400,000 para i MV Luta. Hoñgeyu', ti bai para estake toduboti gi guaka manmattu tatte gi pastahe!

I konstitusion iya Marianas lokue' ha manda na i nuebu na administrasion debi u apase dibin obligasion gi uttimun segundu sakan. Guaha mas ke \$53 miyon na dibin gobietnu ginen mapos na sakan. Na seguru na in' tatiye lai konstitusion na biahe sino

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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man-atotpe hit ta'lu gi kotte!

Hinalum Digital Age

I tinilaika siha gi mapos na sisienta años dañkulu na pasu `nai ta hagu' mona linala'ta. Desde taipuraita' regulat yan elektrisida tinilaika gi hinalum komputa (computer). Pa'gu gaige mafanana'an "Digital Age" ni ha inklulusu telefon, komputa, television yan otu siha modetnu na attikulu sino attifisiu.

Sin areglun mañaina, ma'tut toduboti inadiñgan familia sa' mampus mantinane' famaguon gi telefon mañgombetsasion—texting. Kontodu ebañgheliu libianu un' taitai ginen i I-Phone antes de un' falag i gima' Yuus an' Dameño. Nina'e hau tiempu umebalua haf' tinaitaimu yan haf' setmun pale' ginen i putpitu. I disbintahaña i Digital Age i libianu hau mahatme gi halum gima'mu sin un' tuñgu'.

Mauleg na konseptu gi ineyag famaguon siha gi leksion niha mientras sattun areglun dos saina gi usun toduboti attifisiu. Debi u guaha tiempu para inadiñgan familia. Magahet na dañkulu na tinilaika ha afuetsas gi modun linala' tautau-ta siha.

Haf' Kuttura?

Sessu hu ekuñgog finu' tautau-ta siha pot kuttura. Memegaiña besis na tai signifkasion i mansañgan na palabra lau ma-usa kulan fagas pachot.

Ti hutuñgu' kau bisiun konbetsasion i masasañgan. Kau ti mahañgun pot konbetsasion na masge impottansiaña i asunto? Ti hu komprende! Lau, sige machalegua' i asunto.

I manhoben mas `nai sessu este na modun konbetsasion oppan. Mana' impottante haf' mapega kumu kuttura. Kasi pot ti matuñgu' haf' tinatten signifkasion ayu na okasion na mapunu' kuttura. Dispues, debi i mañaina uma-esplika haf' sustansian dichu kuttura. Ti siña na kaprechun professot sisonyan para umatatiye.

Finana` guen Espirituat

Hagas patte gi tradision relihion mañgatoliku guine i finana' guen tinayuyot `sino linala' espirituat gi famaguon-ta. Mauleg este in' prekura kumu mañaina gi hechuran dotrina gi semana.

Dañkulu yan sumen benefisiosu gi patgon `an mafana'gue haf' mauleg yan ti mauleg sino dinanche yan lache.

Estague' na tinituhun `nai umeyag i patgon haf' che'chu' echu tautau. Kontodu hagu ni saña un' banidosu pot man-areglau famaguon-mu dispues de madiñgu pettan sanmena. Ayu mas namagodai i che'chu' halum tautau `nai boluntariamente siha man-mamaisan para u chine' gue kau mapikan katne, siboyas pat haf' na cho'chu' gi lamasa sino kusina.

Fuetsan Kontrata

Bes enkuando, ta taitai sino huñgog diniskontentu pot relacion

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Our perilous election

Take a moment and think about the words to *The Star Spangled Banner*. Can you remember them? It begins with “Oh say can you see?”

If you knew the true facts, and applied them to what’s happening today, you might possibly be moved by what they revealed.

Francis Scott Key, who penned the words to our national anthem, was onboard a ship not far from Baltimore, out in Chesapeake Bay, watching the “perilous fight” at Fort McHenry.

The British ships were furiously bombarding the fort, and the ragtag American army bravely fought, and held the ground.

However, what mattered most to Mr. Key was that our flag, “Old Glory”: should not be destroyed, nor be shot down by the British. The Stars and Stripes must, above all, be preserved.

Despite the furious onslaught, our tattered little flag still bravely flew from its mast.

In the end, the British forces withdrew, Fort McHenry was saved, and another step toward the preservation of our fragile nation was taken.

This occurred during the war of 1812, perhaps our least-known, but most important, war. It was important because the United States was now a nation, and under siege from the British—still smarting from defeat some 30 years earlier.

The British set fire to the White House and President Madison (all five feet of him) took to his horse and purposefully rode to instill courage in our troops. He was a brave and unsung hero, that Madison.

But the war didn’t end there. It continued through 1814, when well-drilled British troops attacked New Orleans. These were the same troops who would later fight Napoleon at Waterloo and win.

However, under the command of General Andrew Jackson, our troops whipped the Brits.

All the more astonishing was that ordinary citizens and Native Americans stood shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of our young nation. If we ever became a nation of diversity under peril, it was during that fight.

Few were trained militia; most were ordinary hunters with guns and untrained as soldiers. But they could shoot squirrels; and if they could shoot a squirrel, a British conscript in a red coat was not much of a challenge.

The United States won the war of 1812, and Key’s poem later became the words to our national anthem. We won the war of 1812

and our flag is still fluttering aloft on thousands of flagpoles.

However, today we have another “perilous fight.”

It is not as clear-cut as the War of 1812, but far more dangerous to our republic. It is dangerous because all could be lost to our enemies—both foreign and domestic.

There are many souls who dearly love the United States and what it represents: freedom and opportunity for all.

But it’s not that simple.

In fact, much of what has gone on in our recent history has been shrouded in secrecy; so much so that the average person is unaware at how deep and pervasive it is. And, if you’re unaware of the truth, it’s because you’re not supposed to know it.

I will forego the details of many national tragedies; that is, the JFK assassination and those of RFK and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What was not reported, however, was the Israeli attack on our USS *Liberty*, nor of the sailors who died in the attack. Nor was the Iran/Contra affair, where guns and drugs were exchanged under the cloak of secrecy. Few know the real truth behind the 1993 attack on the WTC, nor of the bombings at the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. It’s a long list, including what truly happened on 9/11.

Regardless of your personal feelings about these incidents, they all occurred and they were witnessed by ordinary people.

Now we are on the eve of the most important presidential election ever held in the USA. Our country is at stake; and the forces of darkness (responsible for many of the incidents listed above) may prevail.

What makes this election particularly worrisome is that, within the U.S. government, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, and many political leaders in the legislative and executive branches of government, are complicit. Even worse, they are virtually immune from prosecution.

In other words, the fix was in; and the fix has been in through several administrations.

And yet all is not lost.

The House of Representatives has begun to issue subpoenas against those who refused to testify, and a subpoena cannot be ignored. As well, several representatives have put a number of people on the hotseat, including Hillary Clinton, Loretta Lynch and James Comey. They can’t ignore a congressional subpoena and they can’t take the Fifth.

By RUSS MASON

Special to the Saipan Tribune



For the better part of a decade, Russ Mason wrote for a medical journal, *Alternative & Complementary Therapies*. His principal assignment was to interview a physician or other health care practitioner about new and important treatments, as well as diet and nutrition. Prior to that, he worked at NBC in New York for 16 years, often as a writer for their television programs.

Here comes Donald Trump

Regardless of what you think of him personally, he represents a clean break with business-as-usual. He is not beholden to special interests, to lobbyists, nor to Wall Street. He speaks his own truth—sometimes too arrogantly—but he’s not a puppet for the globalists (George Soros, the Rockefellers, the Rothschilds, and the Bilderberg Society) the way many officials are. Because there’s money on the table, and a lot of it.

In case you missed it, our government has been bought and paid for by outside interests, often by Mrs. Clinton’s Department of State, via the Clinton Foundation. Billions were taken in, often for “access” to important people.

Yet, if Mr. Trump is elected, there’s no way to know if he would be a good president.

Many had high hopes for Barack Obama, who took office in 2009. His presidency has been a disaster; and he alone is to blame for the millions of illegal aliens pouring into our country and for the racial destabilization of many U.S. cities. It’s as though President Obama wants the USA destroyed—by enemies, foreign and domestic.

That is why this election is so important.

It has been widely reported that a Clinton presidency would be tantamount to “Obama’s third term” and that there would be war with Russia, and that Syrian and Somali refugees would continue to enter the U.S. in droves.

If the union is to be preserved, Trump is our only hope. Hillary and her cohorts in government went over to the dark side long ago. She must not be elected.

To be fair, I watched the first presidential debate, and Mrs. Clinton did pretty well. I have a grudging admiration for her ability to speak.

But I just don’t trust her.

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Clinton’s long history of advocacy and public service stands in stark contrast to Trump’s record of virtually no leadership at all. He’s famous and wealthy, a TV personality, a showman — but what in his resume suggests he is qualified to lead the country? In the coming weeks, Trump will no doubt try harder to appear presidential, but surely voters won’t forget the long litany of insults, lies, threats and ignorant statements he has made about everyone from Mexicans and Muslims to a disabled reporter to Sen. John McCain, to the family of a dead Muslim-American soldier, to a federal judge, to President Obama.

Trump’s ignorance of the issues is manifest. He has called climate change “a hoax” and vowed to renegotiate the Paris climate accord. Obamacare would be repealed and replaced with “something great.” His signature proposal is to construct a wall along the southern border of the United States — and have Mexico pay the billions of dollars involved. Mexico, unsurprisingly, insists it will not. As for the 11 million immigrants already in the country illegally, they will either be rounded up and deported (though experts say that will cost billions of dollars, disrupt the economy, divide families and require massive violations of civil liberties) or perhaps some will be allowed to remain, living in the shadows.

Trump doesn’t take America’s global alliances seriously, he has cozied up to Russian strongman Vladimir Putin and he has promised to bring back waterboarding “and worse.” His pronouncements, though vague and sometimes contradictory, raise the specter of an iron-fisted leader taking action based on gut impulses — rather than a president seeking common ground among citizens in a politically polarized country.

In the style of earlier demagogues like Huey Long and George

Wallace, Trump has aimed his misleading and mean-spirited diatribes at a struggling and frustrated segment of society — apparently touching a chord with voters who have experienced years of stagnant wages, whose jobs are threatened, who feel betrayed by Washington and nostalgic for a more prosperous past. To these voters Trump bashes immigrants and free trade and rails about law and order, promising to make America great again and assuring them that he alone can solve their problems. But those who put their hope in Trump’s politics of resentment and fear are making a terrible mistake.

The more rational wing of the Republican party has been appalled by the direction in which the GOP is moving, and its braver members have spoken up. Mitt Romney called Trump “unfit.” Michael Bloomberg endorsed Clinton. Susan Collins, Lindsey Graham, Meg Whitman and Brent Scowcroft have all declined to support their party’s nominee, as have many others. Fifty national security experts who worked in Republican administrations wrote earlier this year: “Mr. Trump lacks the character, values, and experience to be president. He weakens U.S. moral authority as the leader of the free world. He appears to lack basic knowledge about and belief in the U.S. Constitution, U.S. laws, and U.S. institutions, including religious tolerance, freedom of the press, and an independent judiciary.”

Some voters who do not like Trump worry that Clinton, too, has serious shortcomings. And of course she does; all politicians do. She has a penchant for secrecy that has caused her significant problems, not least in the investigation of her ill-advised decision to use a private email server for her official communications as secretary of State. It is true that her family foundation took millions of dollars from foreign leaders and overseas business people while she was in Obama’s cabinet, creating the potential for conflicts of interest. She and her husband have spent years among the rich and powerful and have grown at home in that

favor-trading world in a way that makes many voters uneasy. She has too often adjusted her positions to match popular opinion and has been a little too comfortable with the use of military force. And at least on the hustings, she lacks the authentic, let’s-have-a-beer personality that many voters seek in a candidate.

To be a great president, she will have to struggle to overcome her own weaknesses. But compared with Trump’s infirmities as a candidate, her failings are insignificant. It’s absurd — and perilous — to portray this election, as so many are doing, as a choice of the “lesser of two evils” or to suggest that her flaws are in any way on a level with his.

Neither Libertarian Gary Johnson nor Green Party candidate Jill Stein offers a serious alternative to the major-party candidates. Even voters who have questions about Clinton must recognize that neither Stein nor Johnson stands a chance of winning — and that a vote for either is merely one less vote for the only candidate who can defeat Trump. Besides, neither is a better candidate than Clinton; despite certain superficial appeal, neither comes close to matching Clinton’s qualifications, expertise or understanding of the political process.

The election of Hillary Clinton as the first female president of the United States would surely be as exhilarating as it is long overdue, a watershed moment in American history after centuries of discrimination against women. But that’s not the chief reason to vote for her. She deserves America’s support because she is the overwhelmingly better candidate. Against a Romney or a McCain, she would almost certainly be our choice. Against Trump? The question answers itself.

Every presidential race is described as “defining” and “historic.” This time, it’s true. Americans must not sit this election out, but cast their votes for Hillary Clinton over her dangerous Republican opponent, Donald Trump.

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iya Marianas yan Esta Unidos De America. I sentimentu puru supin tasi. Manmalefa ti mataitai haf ilelegña Seksiona 101 yan 102 gi papa` lai federat 94-241.

I Seksiona 102 dumiklara na suprimu lai 94-241 ni umestable-si relasion iya Marianas yan Estados Unidu De America. Taya` kampu guine para nuebu na inestablesen komision politika. Ti siña na kada ti un` etgue hau para un` esalau mutuñg. Atan kau ti un` ñgiñgi` mismu mutoñgmu! Sugun dispues i ladun lalu` gi oriyamu!

Asolas, hu analisa haf sessu dineskontento-ta. Lamayot patte

gi problema finañagun halum hita mismu. Pot ihemplu, i para ta gobietnan maisa hit debi iya Marianas de u sattun gi inadahen gastaña siha. Lau manadan dibi na tiempu na esta hihot mafondu galaide`ta gi halum puettu.

I inadahen kahan iya Marianas sumen presisu na obligasion. Gigon fontun ya tinahuñg fondu pues enteru setbisiun publiku man-kohu.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Locally heavy showers and scattered thunderstorms.

▲ 89° ▼ 79°

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲ 89° ▼ 79°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲ 89° ▼ 79°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

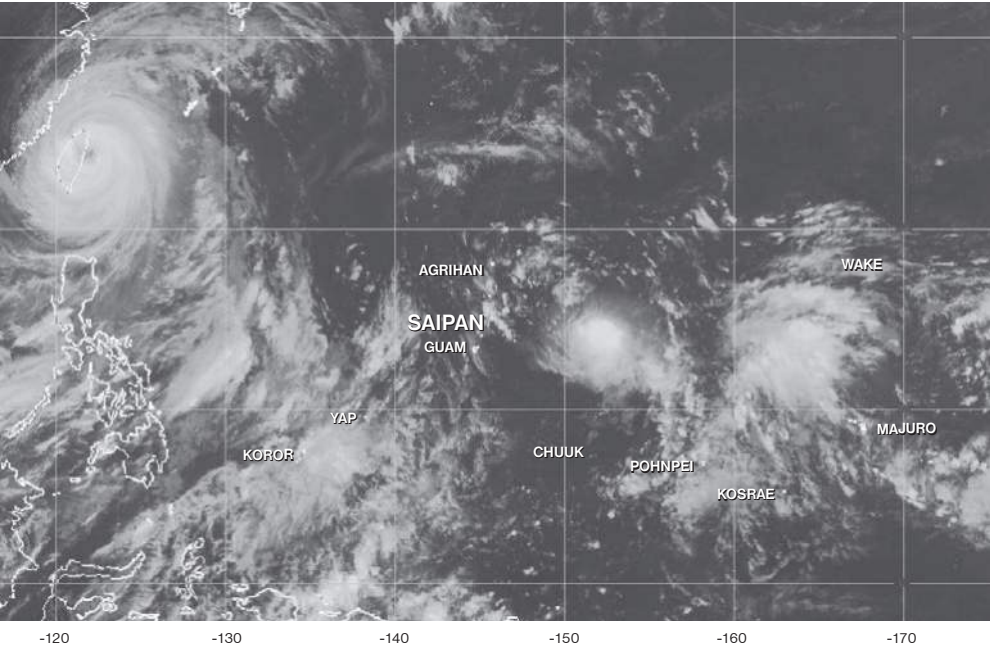
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SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲ 89° ▼ 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:54 AM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The main player in the forecast the next few days will be the tropical disturbance approaching the Marianas from the east. Near its center is a weak circulation, while all the higher winds are to the north. The latest ECMWF-HiRes takes the center near Saipan. In this scenario, the winds stay weak over the forecast zones and the only noticeable affects will be a change in direction and an increase in showers. The 12Z GFS takes it over Rota. In this case, the higher winds may reach Saipan, particularly northern Saipan waters, which may see wind speeds as high as 20 knots. Went ahead and built the grids on this scenario, so they represent a worst case, which is still not all that bad.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Partly sunny	82 / 88 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	80 / 86 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Morning clouds	74 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	81 / 88 °F
Majuro	Afternoon clouds	83 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	54 / 63 °F
Beijing	Decreasing cloudiness	56 / 76 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	82 / 94 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	73 / 82 °F
London	Partly cloudy	54 / 71 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	68 / 84 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	79 / 85 °F
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	47 / 63 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	76 / 87 °F
New York	Light showers	60 / 71 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	75 / 84 °F
Paris	Sunny	56 / 74 °F
Pusan	Morning clouds	72 / 84 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	55 / 78 °F
Salem	Mostly sunny	47 / 76 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	56 / 70 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	64 / 75 °F
Tokyo	Afternoon clouds	74 / 85 °F
Washington, DC	Increasing cloudiness	58 / 72 °F

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
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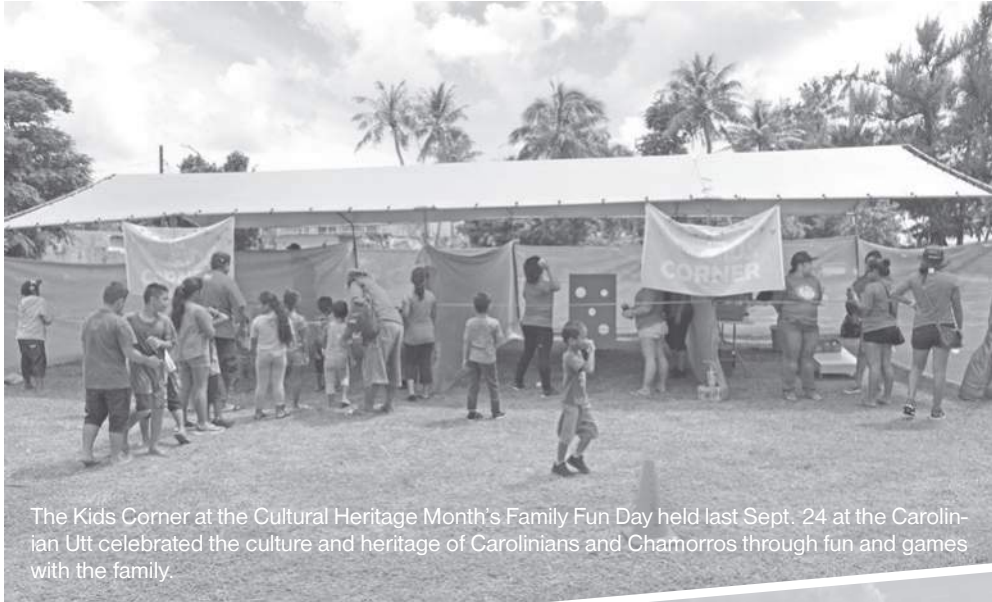
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Cultural Heritage Month's Family Fun Day

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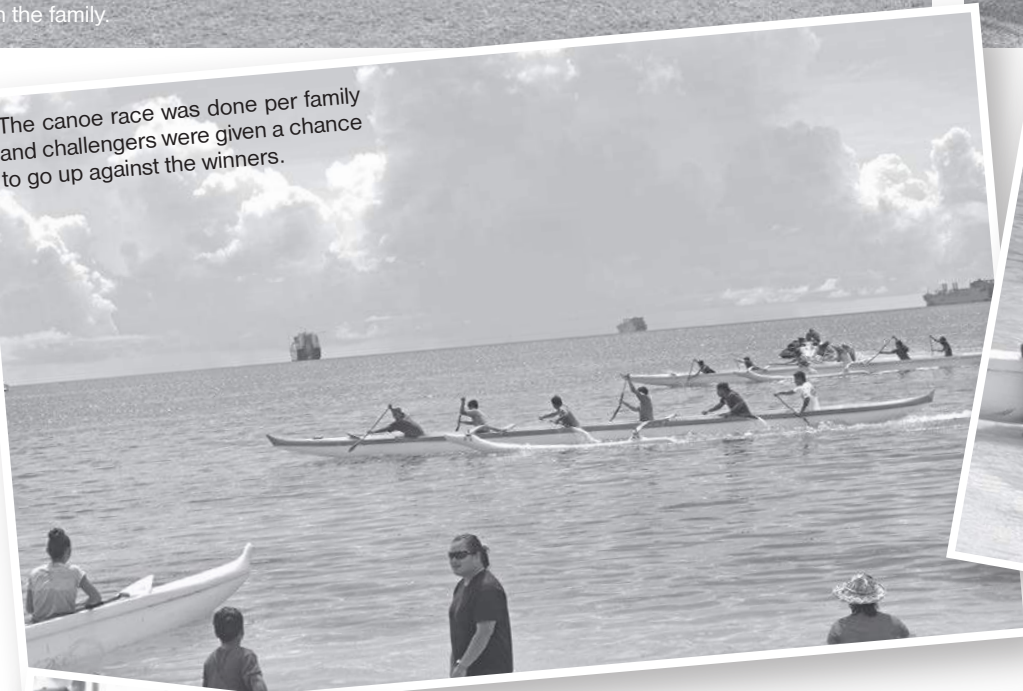


The Kids Corner at the Cultural Heritage Month's Family Fun Day held last Sept. 24 at the Carolinian Utu celebrated the culture and heritage of Carolinians and Chamorros through fun and games with the family.

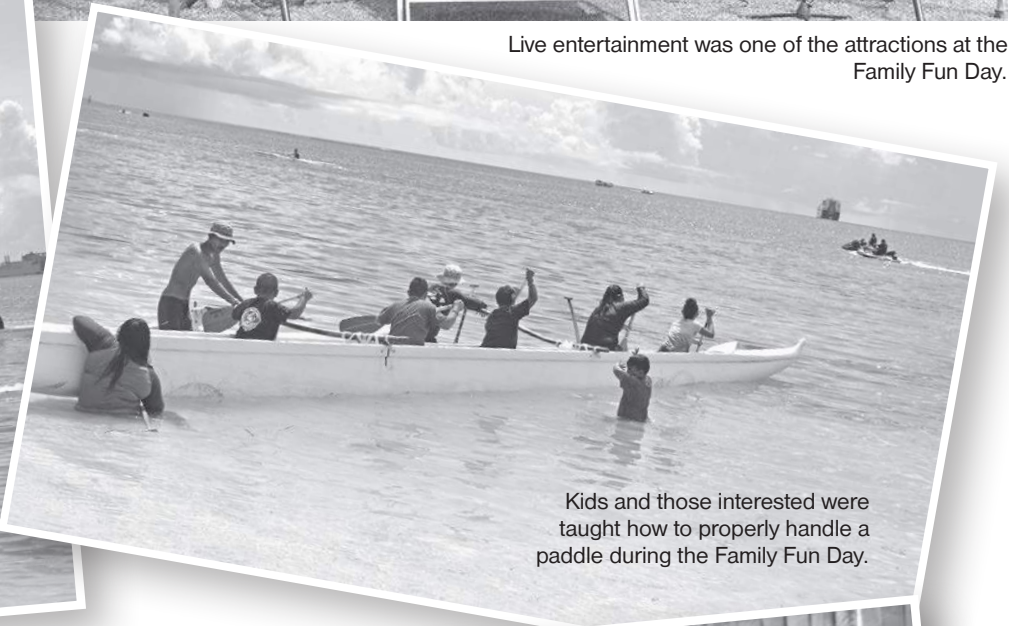


Live entertainment was one of the attractions at the Family Fun Day.

The canoe race was done per family and challengers were given a chance to go up against the winners.



Kids and those interested were taught how to properly handle a paddle during the Family Fun Day.



The pig was given a few minutes per round to rest before letting the next person to attempt catching it.



Catch-the-pig was one of the anticipated events in which both children and adults could join.



Family teams were constructed to compete in the coconut competition, in which different members were to work together to obtain, husk, and grate a coconut. The fastest family was pronounced the winner.



Fun and games were also available for children.

Whispering Palms School observes Int'l Day of Peace



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Whispering Palms School celebrated International Day of Peace with a program in campus last Sept. 21.



Whispering Palms School students hold up a banner during the school's International Day of Peace.



Whispering Palms School students are all smiles as the entire school commemorated International Day of Peace.



Whispering Palms School students, staff, and visitors gather around the Peace Pole in the schoolyard for a minute of silence and thoughtful focus on peace in the world.



Whispering Palms School pose for a group photo while celebrating International Day of Peace.



A Whispering Palms School students holds up artwork and poetry she made in celebration of International Day of Peace.

Last Wednesday, Sept. 21, was declared the International Day of Peace by the United Nations. Whispering Palms School observed the day with a celebration presented by all the students, from age 4 through the eighth grade.

Parents in attendance witnessed a music video celebrating world peace that was created by the middle school students. Upper elementary students presented poems of peace that they wrote themselves. The lower elementary students gave oral presentations about a peaceful life. In addition, student artwork reflecting the theme of the day in the form of a Google doodle was on display. The students made doves that were hung to symbolize world

peace. The program ended with students, staff, and visitors gathering around the Peace Pole in the schoolyard for a minute of silence and thoughtful focus on peace in the world.

Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, the General Assembly declared International Day of Peace as a day devoted to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." Organizing peaceful events has become a tradition on Sept. 21 around the world. For more information, Whispering Palms School has additional pictures and news on its website at www.privatesaipanschool.com. (PR)

SIS seniors turn trash into artworks



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A Saipan International School senior student produced this artwork out of trash.

Everyday billions of people around the world throw away things that are seen as trash and worthless, but at Saipan International School, the senior class has decided to use these things to make works of art.

For the entire year, the senior class at SIS will be using recycled materials to make art projects. The students learn to use ordinary and recycled items and turn them into beautiful pieces of artwork. The SIS seniors and their art teacher, Amie McRoberts, see this project as a way to help bring awareness to the amount of trash that litters our beautiful island.

The senior class has so far made projects out of recycled paper, cardboard, and plastic. The projects, which have both practical and decorative uses, have so far been a success. The seniors have managed to turn their art class into a school-wide effort by encour-



A Saipan International School senior student created this basket from recycled papers.

aging parents and students alike to bring in recycled materials from home.

Hopefully this shows that instead of simply tossing things out, people can use recycled items for practical or decorative purposes and unite the community toward this worthy project. (PR)

Business

Will boom in loans at retailers, manufacturers turn to bust?

NEW YORK (AP)—They sell diamond rings in malls and used cars at dealerships, make wrench sets for mechanics and giant combines for farmers.

Not one has “bank” in its name, but they are all big lenders, and getting bigger by the day.

If you’re wondering how companies can get people to buy things when wages have been barely rising, check out the financial statements of some of the nation’s retailers and manufacturers. Money lent out at Signet Jewelers, CarMax and tool maker Snap-on has jumped more than 50 percent in four years at each of these companies, 2.5 times the growth of loans at banks. Financing at Deere & Co., which leases much of its farm and construction equipment, has risen 27 percent.

Companies see the loans as a useful, safe way to drum up business. Customers seem to

love them, too.

What’s not to like?

If you listen to short sellers, plenty. Short sellers are investors who place bets that pay off when stocks drop, and they say that is going to happen with stocks of some of these non-traditional lenders. They say companies have gotten sloppy in picking who to lend to after seven years of super low interest rates and easy-money monetary policy, and defaults are coming.

“The longer the environment lasts, the more risk in the system builds,” says Brad Lamensdorf, co-manager of the AdvisorShares Ranger Equity Bear fund, which has bet against Signet and Snap-on. “The losses are not going to be at the banks, it’s going to be shareholders of these companies.”

The loans under attack are a tiny fraction of the total in the U.S., but the issues these short sellers raise about the role of debt in boosting sales



AP
In this March 23, 2015, file photo, John Deere lawn tractors are on display at a Home Depot in Robinson Township, Pa. Financing at Deere & Co., which leases much of its farm and construction equipment, has risen in recent years.

trouble at mortgage lender NovaStar Financial, which eventually failed: sift through personal bankruptcy filings to see if a company shows up as creditor.

Cohodes says that 3,274 people across the country who went bust in the first three months this year said they owed money to Signet, up 72 percent from a year earlier.

In an emailed response, Signet says that its appearance in bankruptcy filings has held steady compared to total filings. It also says its loan portfolio, which is up 60 percent in four years, follows “strict risk tolerance” standards. “Suggestions that Signet’s sales are driven by loosening standards are simply wrong,” it says.

ADB says developing Asian economies are holding steady

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Asian Development Bank says the economies of developing countries in Asia are holding up despite stubborn global headwinds, and that earlier forecasts that the countries as a group will grow 5.7 percent in 2016 and 2017 remain unchanged. The group grew 5.9 percent in 2015.

A bank report released Tuesday said China, the world’s second-largest economy, is expected to grow by 6.6 percent in 2016 and 6.4 percent in 2017, 0.1 percentage points more than was forecast in March, due to strong fiscal and monetary stimulus to boost domestic demand while external demand remains tepid.

The report says steady progress on reforms is helping India realize its growth targets, with earlier forecasts of 7.4 percent growth in 2016 and 7.8 percent in 2017 unchanged.

The India forecasts take into account a boost in private consumption after recent wage and pension in-

creases and expectations of a healthy monsoon lifting rural incomes. A recovery in private investment will help drive growth to 7.8 percent in 2017, the report by the Manila-based bank said.

Growth in the five largest economies in Southeast Asia was forecast at 4.8 percent in 2016, the same as projected in March, with strong first-half performances in the Philippines and Thailand offset by a cut in forecasts for Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Government investment in infrastructure, particularly in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, has countered sluggish export demand and droughts that caused a drop in agriculture output in the first half of the year in the Philippines and Thailand, the report said.

Growth is forecast to accelerate to 5.0 percent in 2017 on expectation of firmer demand from major industrial economies, higher prices for exports, and rising infrastructure investment, it said.

has implications for the broader economy. A Federal Reserve report published earlier this month showed that U.S. companies, governments and households have \$13 trillion more debt than they did before the 2008 financial crisis, a 39 percent increase. Assuming

some of the money has helped fuel spending and the economy recover, how much longer can the boost be expected to last?

Investors in some of the companies under fire are starting to worry. Stock in Signet, for instance, has plunged 38

percent since the start of the year.

The retailer, which owns Zales and other jewelry chains, has been targeted by Marc Cohodes, a famed short seller for three decades. Earlier this year, he turned to a technique he used years ago to anticipate

Chinese firm charged with plotting to evade NKorea sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department on Monday unsealed criminal charges against a China-based company and four of its executives for conspiring to evade U.S. economic sanctions that target North Korea’s nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles programs.

Also Monday, the Treasury Department blacklisted the same firm, Dandong Hongxiang Industrial Development Company, and the individuals. The department alleged in a statement that Hongxiang has provided financial services to a North Korean

firm that is already sanctioned, Korea Kwangson Banking Corporation.

International concern over Pyongyang’s nuclear and missile programs is deepening following its fifth and largest atomic test explosion this month, its second this year. That’s fueling worries that North Korea is moving closer to its goal of a nuclear-armed missile that could one day strike the U.S. mainland.

Last week, Chinese authorities said they were investigating Hongxiang, based in

Dandong, a northeastern city on the North Korean border. Police and China’s foreign ministry said the company was suspected of unspecified “serious economic crimes.” That was an unusually explicit announcement for Beijing, whose dealings with the North are shrouded in secrecy, in a sign of growing frustration with its traditional ally.

China signed on in March to the stiffest U.N. sanctions yet that limit trade with the North. It has tightened controls on cross-border flows of goods,

but that hasn’t allayed suspicions that North Korea can still conduct illicit business through China. U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibit nuclear weapons development by the North and all ballistic missile activity.

Monday’s action by the Treasury Department blocks any property Hongxiang and the executives—Ma Xiaohong, Zhou Jianshu, Hong Jinhua, and Luo Chuanxu—may have in the U.S., and prohibits Americans from doing business with them.

New car mileage estimates drop as EPA changes test formula

DETROIT (AP)—Highway gas mileage estimates for about one-third of all new vehicles sold in the U.S. will fall by one mile per gallon because the government has changed the way it calculates the numbers on the window sticker.

The change, which begins with the 2017 model year, comes largely because people are loading up cars with more options such as heated seats that use electricity and create drag on engines. They’re also running air conditioning more

than in the past, and they’re driving faster, both of which cut into mileage.

At least initially, it could make it hard for buyers to compare the mileage of vehicles from one model year to the next, although the government says it will update numbers in the next few weeks so older cars reflect the change. Consumers also will still be able to click on a button and see the mileage under the old calculation.

It’s all a part of the Environmental Protection Agency’s

quest to make the window sticker mileage estimates as close to real-world numbers as possible, said Byron Bunker, director of compliance with the agency’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

The agency lets automakers run mileage tests and then apply a mathematical formula to come up with the numbers that go on the windows. Previously, the formula was based on data from the 2002 to 2006 model years. It was last changed in 2008. But starting with 2017 vehicles, which re-

cently began arriving at dealers, the formula was based on data from the 2011 to 2016 model years.

As the U.S. economy recovered from the Great Recession during the past five years, people started buying more new cars. With interest rates low and cheap financing and sweet lease deals available, they loaded them up with more options. Those use electricity and force the alternator to work harder, creating drag on the engines and cutting gas mileage.



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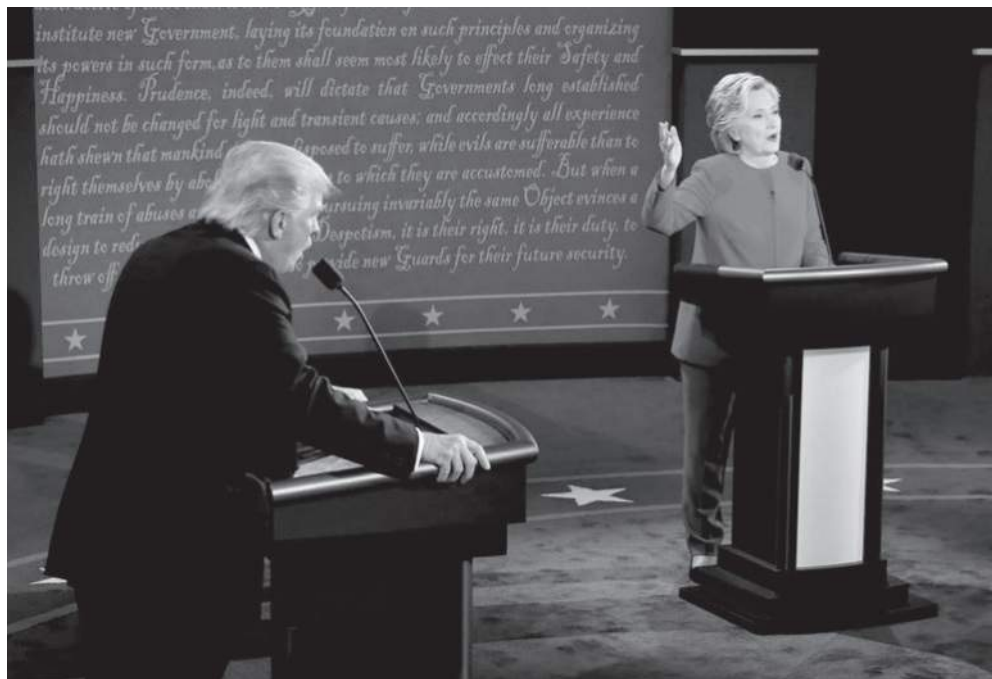
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Malaysian Ringgit	4.1095	Taiwan Dollar	31.315
New Zealand Dollar	1.3719	Thailand Baht	34.58

Nation

Clinton, Trump battle fiercely over taxes, race, terror

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP)—In a combative opening debate, Hillary Clinton emphatically denounced Donald Trump Monday night for keeping his personal tax returns and business dealings secret from voters and peddling a “racist lie” about President Barack Obama. Businessman Trump repeatedly cast Clinton as a “typical politician” as he sought to capitalize on Americans’ frustration with Washington.

Locked in an exceedingly close White House race, the presidential rivals tangled for 90-minutes over their vastly different visions for the nation’s future. Clinton called for lowering taxes for the middle class, while Trump focused more on renegotiating trade deals that he said have caused companies to move jobs out of the U.S. The Republican backed the controversial “stop-and-frisk policing” tactic as a way to bring down crime, while the Democrat



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speak at the same time during the presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

said the policy was unconstitutional and ineffective.

The debate was confrontational from the start, with

Trump frequently trying to interrupt Clinton and speaking over her answers. Clinton was more measured and restrained,

but also needled the sometimes-thin-skinned Trump over his business record and wealth.

Remainig presidential debates

Vice presidential debate

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(CBS)

Oct. 4

Longwood University,
Farmville, Va.

Second presidential debate

Martha Radditz

(ABC)

Anderson Cooper

(CNN)

Oct. 9

Washington University,
St. Louis

Third presidential debate

Chris Wallace

(Fox News)

Oct. 19

University of Nevada,
Las Vegas

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“There’s something he’s hiding,” she declared, scoffing at his repeated contentions that he won’t release his tax

returns because he is being audited. Tax experts have said an audit is no bar to making his recon 17th graf.rds public. She said one reason he has refused is that he may well have paid nothing in federal taxes. He interrupted to say, “That makes me smart.”

Trump aggressively tried to turn the transparency questions around on Clinton, saying he would release his tax information when she produces more than 30,000 emails that were deleted from the personal internet server she used as secretary of state.

Trump’s criticism of Clinton turned personal in the debate’s closing moments. He said, “She doesn’t have the look, she doesn’t have the stamina” to be president. He’s made similar comments in previous events, sparking outrage from Clinton backers who accused him of leveling a sexist attack on the first woman nominated for president by a major U.S. political party.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.

(AP)—Donald Trump repeatedly clashed with Hillary Clinton during Monday’s first presidential debate, interrupting her and appearing agitated at times as they tangled over the economy, her use of a private mail server and his unwillingness to release his income tax returns. Clinton maintained an even demeanor, smiling indulgently when Trump turned aggressive.

Clinton and Trump engaged in a vigorous back-and-forth on the debate stage at Hofstra University as polls showed them locked in a tight race. Given the wide interest in Trump, the business mogul and former reality TV star, and Clinton, the first woman to win the nomination of a major party, the debate was expected to draw a massive viewing audience.

Here are the top takeaways from Monday’s debate:

TRUMP’S TEMPERAMENT

If Clinton aimed to get under Trump’s skin in the first 30 minutes of the debate, the Democratic nominee appeared to succeed. Clinton often put Trump on the defensive, saying he had “rooted for” the collapse of the housing industry and had considered climate change to be a hoax. In another exchange, Clinton said, “I have a feeling that by the end of this evening I’ll be blamed for every-

Debate takeaways: Clinton gets under Trump’s skin in debate

thing that ever happened.”

Trump interjected, “Why not?” Later on, Trump said he had a “winning temperament,” prompting Clinton to respond: “Whew. OK.”

ECONOMY

Trump scored points with his core supporters by lamenting the number of jobs that have moved overseas. He opened with an extensive argument that jobs are “fleeing the country” and going to Mexico while the U.S. economy is being undermined by China. He pointed to Ford Motor Co.’s plans to build compact cars in Mexico and railed against Carrier’s decision to move hundreds of air-conditioner manufacturing jobs from Indianapolis to Mexico. “So many hundreds and hundreds of companies are doing this,” Trump said. His economic case could resonate in states like Ohio and Michigan that have grappled with the loss of manufacturing jobs. “We have to stop our jobs from being stolen from us. We have to stop our companies from leaving the United States,” he said. Clinton pointed out that her father was a small businessman, adding, “The more we can do for the middle class, the more we can invest in you, your education, your skills, your future, the better we will be off.”

CLINTON’S ZINGERS

Often delivered with a smile, Clinton came prepared with

pithy lines that undercut Trump’s case on the economy. In an early exchange, Clinton said Trump would push for “trickle-down” tax cuts that would only benefit the wealthy, calling it, “trumped-up trickle-down.” When Trump got in a dig at Clinton’s absence from the campaign trail, she said there was nothing wrong with spending time preparing for the debate. “You know what else I did?” she asked. “I prepared to be president.”

THE POLITICAL OUTSIDER

Trump repeatedly underscored his role as a political outsider, questioning the economic stewardship of President Barack Obama and the administration of former President Bill Clinton, who sat in the front row. Describing the loss of manufacturing jobs in states like Michigan and Ohio, Trump said Clinton had been in government for 30 years, asking, “Why are you just thinking about these solutions right now?” When the discussion turned to foreign policy, Trump said Obama and Clinton failed to confront the Islamic State group, saying his opponent was there when it was “an infant.”

TRUMP’S TAXES

Clinton savaged Trump with a lengthy explanation of why Trump won’t release his tax returns, concluding he’s got

something to hide. She said Trump may not be “as rich as he says he is” or “maybe he’s not as charitable” as he says he is. Clinton warned that perhaps Trump hadn’t paid any federal income tax at all, noting that some of Trump’s income tax returns in the 1970s showed he had paid no federal income taxes in certain years. Trump disclosed the returns to New Jersey casino regulators.

CLINTON’S EMAILS

Clinton gave arguably her most concise answer to questions about her use of a private email server as secretary of state, taking responsibility and giving Trump nowhere to go. Despite her past statements in which she changed her story from previous iterations or left wiggle room by not being completely accurate, on Monday she avoided getting wrapped up in a lengthy exchange over one of her biggest liabilities. When Trump said he would release his tax returns if Clinton put out what he called her “33,000 deleted” emails, Clinton said, “I made a mistake using a private email” server. Trump interjected, “That’s for sure,” prompting Clinton to respond, “I take responsibility for that.”

GENDER WARS

Clinton turned the tables on Trump when he was asked to respond to his assertions that she doesn’t have the “stamina” to be president. Trump ques-

tioned whether Clinton has the physical fitness to be president and he repeated the criticism directly to her. Clinton replied that Trump shouldn’t talk about stamina until he’s tried to maintain a busy schedule like that she kept up as secretary of state. And then she dug into him, adding, “This is a man who has called women pigs, slob and dogs.”

RACIAL POLITICS

Trump has said black voters have “nothing to lose” by supporting his candidacy but he was forced to answer for his role in claiming Obama was born outside the United States. Clinton accused Trump of spreading a “racist lie” that our “first black president” was not an American citizen, adding, “He has a long record of engaging in racist behavior.” Trump responded by recalling the bitter debates between Clinton and Obama during the 2008 Democratic presidential primary, saying Clinton treated Obama then with “terrible disrespect.” Later, when Clinton said Trump’s view of black communities was too grim, Trump sighed, rolled his eyes and said, “Ugh.”

‘I AGREE WITH HER ...’

Trump and Clinton seemed to agree on two potentially combustible political issues: child care and barring people on the terrorist watch list from buying guns. Both are unusual positions for a GOP presidential

nominee. Trump injected an element of surprise when he said he disagreed with many Republicans and “we have to look at” barring the sales of guns to people on the terror watch list. The proposal is sharply opposed by the National Rifle Association, one of Trump’s chief backers, but Democrats have hoped it will change the dynamic of the gun debate. Trump also said he backs government aid for child care expenses, an issue that has been pushed by his daughter, Ivanka Trump. Clinton and Trump have both proposed plans to help families pay for child care.

STAYING THE COURSE ON IRAQ, BIRTHEISM

Trump stood by his positions on two issues in which he has been frequently skewered by fact checkers: the Iraq war and his role in the so-called “birther” movement. Trump denied Clinton’s claims that he supported the Iraq war, saying it was a “mainstream media nonsense put out by her. I was against the war in Iraq.” But there isn’t any evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. invasion. Trump also claimed that Clinton’s 2008 presidential campaign was responsible for launching the birther movement that questioned Obama’s American citizenship. That’s not the case—Clinton’s campaign never publicly pushed that notion during the 2008 primaries.

Asia

Philippines' Duterte to forge closer ties with China, Russia

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he has decided to “cross the Rubicon” in his ties with the United States and will open trade alliances and offer long-term land leases to “the other side of the ideological barrier,” China and Russia.

He told reporters he was “not really” breaking ties with the U.S., his country’s long-time treaty ally, but will open all areas of trade and commerce to China and Russia. It would not include military alliances, he said.

He said the two countries’

companies would be able to lease land in the Philippines for up to 120 years.

Duterte said he will travel to China soon to talk to President Xi Jinping, and then to Japan and Russia.

Duterte has had an uneasy relationship with the U.S., which has criticized his crackdown on illegal drugs in which more than 3,000 people have died.

During a summit of East Asian leaders in Laos earlier this month, Duterte said he told Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev that he was “about to cross the Rubicon”

with the United States, at least during the six years of his presidential term.

“I would need your help in everything—trade, commerce—and I will open up,” he said he told Medvedev.

Asked by a reporter what he meant by crossing the Rubicon, he said it was “a point of no return.” He said the problem was that the Philippines’ mutual defense treaty with the U.S. does not guarantee that Washington will come to the Philippines’ defense if it is attacked because the U.S. president would need the approval of Congress.

India says Pakistan believes terror will bring territory

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Pakistan continues to believe terrorist attacks will allow it to obtain territory it covets in Jammu and Kashmir, India’s foreign minister said Monday.

In her speech before the U.N. General Assembly, Sushma Swaraj also rejected accusations made by Pakistan’s prime minister from the same podium last week that India violates human rights, calling them “baseless.”

She said India has a man in custody “whose confession is a living proof of Pakistan’s complicity in cross-border terror. But when confronted

with such evidence, Pakistan remains in denial.”

“It persists in the belief that such attacks will enable it to obtain the territory it covets,” Swaraj said. “My firm advice to Pakistan is: abandon this dream. Let me state unequivocally that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and will always remain so.”

Exercising her right to reply, Pakistan’s U.N. Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi dismissed Swaraj’s speech as “a litany of falsehoods.”

“These allegations are designed principally to deflect global attention from the bru-

talities being perpetrated by India’s over half a million occupation force against innocent and unarmed Kashmiri children, women and men in the Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir,” Lodhi said.

She called for a full and impartial investigation of Indian atrocities and human rights violations in Kashmir.

On Sept. 18, militants slipped into an army base in Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing at least 18 soldiers. Four militants were killed in the attack, which occurred near the highly militarized line that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Myanmar's Suu Kyi suffering from exhaustion after long trip

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar’s de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi is suffering from weakness and exhaustion after two weeks of travel to Britain and the United States, her office said Monday. The State Counselor office said in a statement that the 71-year-old Suu Kyi’s health is stable and nothing to be worried about, but that “she needs to rest.” “She suffers a gastric problem as she didn’t have meals regularly during the trip and suffers arthritis in her neck from using the computer often,” the statement said. Suu Kyi arrived back in Yangon on Sunday evening, but was not able to greet supporters waiting outside the airport. An official from the Ministry of Information said a scheduled meeting between Suu Kyi and Myanmar businessmen on Wednesday had been postponed, without giving further explanation.

China sentences 3 to suspended terms over labor activism

BEIJING (AP)—A court in southern China’s industrial heartland has sentenced three labor organizers who led strikes to suspended prison sentences. The three had worked at a labor rights center that had continued operating after authorities officially closed it in 2007. One of the defendants, Zeng Feiyang, was handed a four-year suspended sentence Monday, while Tang Huanxing and Zhu Xiaomei were each given 18-month suspended sentences.

The Panyu District court said the defendants “ignored national laws and organized mass gatherings that disturbed social order.” It said their actions resulted in severe economic losses to the companies involved.

Thai police seek ID on dismembered body found in freezer

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai police are attempting to identify

a dismembered body found in a freezer when they raided an apartment and arrested three men—two thought to be American and one British—suspected of trafficking in forged passports. Forensic experts will conduct a digital autopsy using a CT scan and extract DNA material from the corpse found in the raid Friday in an effort to identify it, police spokesman Krisana Pattanacharoen said Monday. Bits of human tissue and teeth are the only things left that can be used to identify the body, chopped up into six pieces and frozen for months, said Dr. Triyarith Temahivong, deputy director general of Thailand’s Central Institute of Forensic Science. “The body still has human tissue stuck on it, which DNA can be extracted from,” he said. “The teeth can be used as well for identification through dental records, but the person’s nationality, age or gender can’t be determined at all at this time so we’ll see from the digital autopsy.”

World

Syria says truce still viable after week of airstrikes

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria’s foreign minister said Monday that an internationally-brokered cease-fire is still viable, as rescue workers in Aleppo sifted through the rubble from the heaviest airstrikes on rebel-held areas of the northern city in five years.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem, speaking to Mayadeen TV from New York, also said the government is prepared to take part in a unity government incorporating elements from the opposition, an offer that has been rejected in the past.

Opposition activists say more than 200 civilians have been killed in the past week under a sustained aerial campaign that U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura called one of the worst of the 5 1/2-year war. The U.N. Security Council convened an emergency meeting but failed to take any action because of deep di-



In this Jan. 13, 2016 file photo, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem addresses a press conference in New Delhi, India.

visions between Russia and Western powers.

“What Russia is sponsoring and doing is not counterterrorism, it’s barbarism,” said U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power. “It’s apocalyptic what is being done in eastern Aleppo.”

Airstrikes on Aleppo on Monday killed at least six people, according to the Local Coordination Committees, an activist-run col-

lective. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported hours later that 12 were killed, including three children.

President Bashar Assad’s media adviser told Al-Mayadeen TV that the Syrian government abided by the cease-fire but the rebels did not. Bouthaina Shaaban said once the truce expired, “our Syrian Arab army resumed its operations against terrorists.”

Colombia embarks on path to peace with historic accord

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP)—After a half-century of combat that spilled blood across this South American nation, Colombians have embarked on a new, but difficult path to settle their political differences with the signing of a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels.

The first test after Monday’s signing is a weekend referendum in which voters are being asked to ratify or reject the deal. If it passes, as expected, Colombia will move on to the thornier and still uncertain task of reconciliation.

Former President Aristide leaps from behind scenes in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has leaped from behind the scenes to take a major role in campaigning for next month’s presidential election, leading many to believe the most polarizing figure in the tumultuous world of Haitian politics is poised to regain influence if his party wins.

Aristide’s return to open campaigning for an ally is energizing supporters in poor neighborhoods who see the former slum priest as a near-messianic figure who fought for the country’s most marginalized.

“He’s the king of kings!

President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londoño, top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, formally signed the agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Many in the audience, all dressed in white, had tears in their eyes as Santos removed from his lapel a pin shaped like a white dove that he has been wearing for years and handed it over to his former adversary, who fastened it to

his own shirt.

It was one of many symbolic gestures during the 90-minute ceremony overlooking the colonial ramparts of Cartagena that filled Colombians with hope and optimism for the arduous work ahead implementing a 297-page accord that took four grueling years to negotiate.

If the accord is accepted by Colombian voters in Sunday’s referendum, as polls say it will, the FARC’s estimated 7,000 fighters would have to turn over their weapons gradually to a team of United Nations-sponsored observers within six months.

Seeing him on the streets again is like being in paradise,” Port-au-Prince slum resident Jhony Narcisse said as he jogged to keep up with Aristide’s motorcade during a recent rally.

Although Aristide said he wouldn’t focus on politics after he returned from exile in 2011, the twice-elected, twice-ousted leader has been vigorously campaigning for Maryse Narcisse, the presidential candidate for his Fanmi Lavalas party. While Aristide isn’t a candidate for any post, he has been giving stump speeches and waving to adoring loyalists from a convoy touring the country.

In a recent speech, de-

livered through the sunroof of an SUV, he declared that Lavalas would build homes for the poor if Narcisse, one of 27 candidates in the Oct. 9 election, is elected.

“We’re not going to build small bird cages. We are going to build houses,” Aristide said to cheers from the crowd.

Such remarks suggest to some that he would not sit on the sidelines of a Narcisse presidency.

“It is clear that a victory would allow Aristide to govern behind the throne,” said Henry Carey, a Haiti expert and political science professor at Georgia State University.

Focus

Building a life in Germany, a Syrian watches war at home

By HAMZA HENDAWI
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SAARBRUECKEN, Germany (AP)—At the intersection, Mohammed al-Haj waited patiently for the “green man.” It seemed a bit silly: No cars were coming, no policemen watching. Back home in Syria, he wouldn’t hesitate.

But here in Germany, it’s the law, you only cross when the walk light is green.

“I don’t want to get into the habit of not waiting for him,” said the 27-year-old Mohammed. “We must all respect German customs and traditions.”

This is one world Mohammed lives in, one guided by rules, where he says he knows his rights and his responsibilities. It’s a world where he can be ambitious and plan for the future, even as he tries to negotiate his place in a country where he arrived a year ago among hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing to Western Europe.

“I felt from the first day, that this is a country of law and order,” he said.

But at the same time, Mohammed is living in a second world: The hell of Syria. First thing every morning, he checks on the internet and social media for the latest in the constant stream of grim news and carnage. He is immersed in its chaos, where any moment can mean death, families are dispersed, and everyone struggles for the most basic needs. He can’t stop, even though he feels helpless, following day by day the destruction of his home city, Aleppo, as Syrian government forces besiege its rebel-held neighborhoods.

“Syria is like a nightmare that travels with me wherever I go,” he said. “I could just be sitting here doing nothing and suddenly learn that someone I know has died.”

The Associated Press followed Mohammed in the summer of 2015 as he made the arduous trek from Turkey, where he had lived with his family since fleeing Syria, across the sea to Greece, then through the Balkans to Germany.

In August, the AP revisited him in the German city of Saarbruecken. Over the past year, Europe has been deeply shaken by the flood of refugees. Governments are struggling with how to absorb the newcomers. In a backlash, right-wing nationalist parties have gained ground. A string of terror attacks has further stoked xenophobia and distrust of the refugees.

For Mohammed, those storms seemed distant. Instead, he has been focused on building his future, while still absorbed in the turmoil of his homeland.



In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, Mohammed al-Haj makes coffee in his home in Saarbruecken, Germany. Al-Haj, a native of the city of Aleppo, Syria’s one-time economic capital that now lies in ruins, came to the western German state of Saarland in September 2015 to benefit from its swift processing of migrants.

During Mohammed’s trek across Europe last year, the young man had to be quick-thinking, always on the alert for any opening to get to the next stage of his journey, through bureaucracy, hostile border guards and rough weather. It suited his get-it-done nature.

Now he has to rely on patience and the slow, frustrating work of waiting to reach his goals.

He shares a Spartan two-bedroom apartment with three other Syrian men he met in the camp where they were housed when they first arrived in Germany.

There’s little furniture, and what there is was mainly given to them by German friends and acquaintances. In the living room, there’s only two armchairs and a coffee table. None of them have beds. Mohammed sleeps on a mattress on the floor in a small room he shares with one of the others. His clothes are hung on the wall. No wardrobe.

In the kitchen are hot plates, a small oven and a refrigerator. On the table sits what is likely to be found at any Syrian home: Olive oil, olives, thyme and pita bread.

A blackboard hangs on the

wall, and one of his housemates has drawn a map of Syria topped by the flag of Syria’s opposition.

Mohammed receives a monthly government stipend of 370 euros (\$400), and his rent, utility bills and language school are paid for. He’s grateful for it—he says Germany “opened its door for me and gave me everything I have.”

Still, the money is barely enough. He rarely eats out, sits at a cafe or goes to a movie. He has one pair of jeans and one pair of shoes. He shops at discount stores. He can’t visit Syrian friends who have been settled elsewhere in Germany because public transport is too expensive for him.

It’s a similar situation for many of the hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants who have flowed into Germany. In 2015, at least 477,000 refugees—more than 160,000 of them Syrians—applied for asylum status, and another 310,000 have applied so far this year.

The country is struggling to absorb them into the economy. So far, around 33,000 refugees found jobs since early 2015, mostly in menial labor or as cleaners and security guards.

Mohammed’s focus now is on learning German. He can’t get a decent job without a certificate in the language, and his main ambition of entering university would be out of the question.

Five days a week, he attends his German classes in the morning. He often walks the 25-minute route to the language institute to save the tram fare. He takes a flask of home-made coffee to avoid buying it at cafes.

After four months of studies, he has reached level three out of six and can now converse reasonably well in German.

German is tough, he said. Other refugees give up on learning it and just take unskilled jobs or even try to leave Germany for an Arab nation.

“But those who are thinking along these lines came here without a goal in mind,” he said. “I must be patient.”

In July, Mohammed learned of the latest of his friends to die.

He woke up in the morning, checked Facebook and saw that Tareq al-Bayanooni, a rebel commander, had been killed by an air strike outside Aleppo.

It felt, he said, like a stab in

the heart.

“But I did not cry. Honestly, I have run out of tears.”

Al-Bayanooni was the fifth of his childhood friends to be killed, guys he played with in his neighborhood streets as a kid. From his broader friends and acquaintances, he guesses 20 to 25 have died—the ones he knows about, anyway.

Mohammed had lived his entire life in Aleppo, once Syria’s largest and most diverse city. In the early days of the war, he’d served as a volunteer at an Aleppo hospital, where the AP first met him in 2012.

By June and July this year, it looked like the opposition in Aleppo was on the verge of being crushed. Troops and militias loyal to President Bashar Assad cut off all roads into rebel enclaves.

Mohammed was watching every moment.

All those living in the opposition areas—some 300,000 people—are my family,” he said. He feared they would meet the same fate as those in other towns besieged by Syrian forces—like Daraya, outside Damascus, where residents were reduced to eating grass.

He kept going back to his telephone to follow the news. His studies suffered. “I was feeling down, I lost my concentration ... I was worried people would starve,” he said.

Making it even harder, he felt he couldn’t call friends or relatives still in Aleppo.

“How can I be in the safety of Germany so far away from home and call someone in Aleppo to ask how they are doing?” he said. “I will only get ‘Thanks be to God’ and nothing else. He gives that answer because he could die five minutes later.”

Then in early August, rebel fighters outside broke through the blockade.

“It was such a joy,” Mohammed said. “The power of faith is what triumphed.”

It didn’t last. In the weeks since, hundreds have been killed in Aleppo in continued bombardment of rebel-held neighborhoods.

Mohammed’s housemates tease him over how closely he follows the war. He understands, he explains, they’re fed up with war.

“We, as a people, have been destroyed and disabled,” he said. “Every one of us is enduring a calamity of some sort...In Germany, when a child trips, our humanity compels us to reach out and lend a helping hand. So you can imagine what it’s like for a Syrian father to see his own child ripped to bits by bombs.”

On a rare day out, Mohammed and a friend went to have lunch in the historic center of Saarlouis, just north of Saarbruecken. But as soon as they sat at a restaurant, the German waiter started removing the cutlery, wine glasses and plates from the table, all with a not-too-subtle air of hostility. Lunch is over, and it’s break time for the servers, he told them brusquely.

“He could have told us that in a more friendly way,” Mohammed said, as he and his friend got up to look for another place to eat. “He could have said, ‘We’re sorry, but we’re closed now,’ and told us when they will reopen.”

Was he rude because they’re Arabs?

Mohammed shrugs it off. “The waiter may have been tired or stressed out. Maybe he had a problem,” he said. “Anyway, you cannot judge an entire people by the behavior of just one individual.”

He said he has yet to come face to face with xenophobes and racists. “I know they exist, but I just have not come across one of them,” he said.

“Swear to God, I find the Germans to be beautiful people.”

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Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Vegetable gardener turns love of plants into beer-making cash crop of hops

Vegetable gardener Michael Lackey has taken his love for plants one step further — growing hops for beer.

Also a craft beer fan, Lackey started researching how to make beer and stumbled upon information mostly about West Coast-grown hops.

"I first got interested in February after reading a Virginia Craft Beer magazine at a local bar," says Lackey, 34, of Hampton, Va.

"I was reading about all these great new craft breweries popping up all around the area. I thought how cool would it be to open your own brewery? But, it seemed like a lot of work and money, what a dream! Then it clicked. I do a vegetable garden every year and I love doing it, so why not grow hops?"

When his day ends as an audio-visual technician, he heads home to farmland that's been in his family since the 1950s.

"It's an acre of land but only a quarter of it is not wooded now," says Lackey.

"The space I'm using is 40-by-40 square feet of field. The soil tested out at 6.5 to 7.0 pH levels, which are ideal for growing hops. The soil is a dark sandy gray with good organic matter — it just looks good."



TNS
Mike Lackey, of Hampton, holds some of the hops he's harvested this first year.

In April, Lackey ordered 64 rhizomes from Thyme Garden in Oregon — www.thymegarden.com. A rhizome is a horizontal underground root system that sends out lateral shoots that pop out above ground where it's planted.

Hops are perennials, so they grow back every year which is great, according to Lackey, who continues to study the plants, which can be invasive in a home garden.

"They first start with a little green shoot that pops up from

the ground," he says.

"This happens within 14 days of planting. After that, each plant grows fast, and wants to climb up a string towards the sun in 24 days. In about 50 days, each plant reaches 20 feet in the air and starts producing cones. Five months later you are ready to pick hops."

Lackey has found that hops are a sensitive plant that needs a lot of care and attention. Water and sun get them growing and keep them healthy. Daily



TNS
A baby hops plant emerges from its rhizome-like root system.

inspections for pests and diseases are a must, too, he says.

"Your growing season can go downhill fast if you don't see problems coming," he says.

"I always look at the leaves to see signs of activity. From what I have learned, downy mildew disease is one of the most talked about problems with hops. Downy mildew is a fungus-like organism that thrives in wet humid places. This disease will attack the plant, spread to its roots and

Hops plants are positioned around a tall pole that allows the plants to lower for easy harvesting.

The only way to stop the disease is to isolate the plant and dig it up." So far, the plants are thriving, he happily adds, thanks to his workforce of good friends and helpful family.

"I harvested a little early this year, July 23, because the hops seemed ready to pick," he says.

"The right feel and the right smell all fell in line with what I have read. There is a small window for picking hops. You want to get max freshness for taste.

"I think the humid weather and rain cycle produced the hops quicker. When you make it to the end of the harvest

season, it's a great feeling of accomplishment. Virginia is a great state for agriculture with some of the best soil in the country, and that inspired me to grow these beautiful plants."

To plant and train the hop vines to grow up 20-foot-tall poles supported by guide wires on outer edges, Lackey used drills, saws, a tiller, shovels — and hours of hard labor. There are eight poles in a square pattern. The main pole is a wood 4-by-4 main center support to hold a pulley system that lowers hops to the ground for harvesting.

His research includes books like "The Hops Grower's Handbook" and the "Field Guide for Integrated Pest Management in Hops." He also attended the 2016 South Atlantic Hops Conference in Richmond, which he says was a good resource.

"Growing hops puts you to work but it's worth it," he says.

So far, nothing discourages Lackey from increasing his crop to 200 more rhizomes next year. This year's harvest brought offers of \$20 per pound for fresh-ground hops.

"My dream is one day to make this a full-time job, and produce some of the finest East Coast hops coming out of Virginia," he says.

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ple, they are always smiling and laughing. They are worthy of respect."

He thinks back to his time living in Turkey. The Turks, he said, treat Arabs in a racist way. "They look down on us."

"In Turkey, when they don't understand you, they start to yell and scream," he said. But if he speaks in broken German to a German, they use sign language and "try to help as much they can."

As he spoke to the AP one weekend evening in Saarbrücken, two German men walked by, stark naked.

Mohammed was unfazed. There's a group of anarchists in town who sometimes walk around nude, he explained.

"They live to drink, smoke pot and listen to music," he said.

There are things he has had to get used to. You don't take off your shoes entering a German's home, like you do in Syria. You don't just drop by unexpected. And he never calls a German after 10 p.m. "There is a great deal of re-

spect for privacy," he said.

But with the sense of law and order, he said he feels equal to Germans. The police, he said, treat people "with respect, not like in the Arab world where they insult and beat you."

Two of Mohammed's housemates, Mohammed Zalt and Mazen al-Ali, said their German friends advised them not to leave home for a day or two after a mass sexual assault on women in Cologne last New Year's eve. But Mohammed said he didn't change his routine. His first concern is always whether the attackers are Syrians. "When I learn that they were not, I am relieved."

"In fact, I fear for my life here like everyone else," he said. "I fear a street explosion from a terror attack will hurt me."

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Every few days, Mohammed talks on WhatsApp to his parents in Turkey.

In almost every sentence, they say "inshallah"—"God willing"—or "alhamdulillah"—"thanks be to God." They're generic Arabic phrases that reassure while being diplomatically vague.

They're a cushion, letting parents and child avoid burdening each other with their hardships, trying to keep each from worrying about the other.

"When will you come home? I've made makdous for you," Mohammed's 55-year-old mother said, referring to a popular Syrian dish of pickled eggplants stuffed with nuts, topped with yoghurt.

She was joking. She knows very well that her son can't get to Turkey for the time being.

"I'll come home soon, inshallah," Mohammed told her.

She told him that she and his 65-year-old father had just come from the market and that they hauled 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of tomatoes up the six flights to their apartment. They'll dry the tomatoes in the sun to use in winter, when they're more expensive.

That alarmed Mohammed. "Why are you carrying 10 kilos of tomatoes?" he gently reproached his father.

Ever since his parents moved to a new apartment in Izmir on the sixth floor with no elevator, he worries. His father jokes every time he brings it up that it's a good workout

for him.

"It's torture every time he says this to me," Mohammed said.

In every call too, his mother repeats the same prayer for Mohammed, "May God grant you success." His father's advice: "Look after yourself. Spend your time with good people and stay away from those who are bad."

The war has scattered Mohammed's family, as it has for many Syrians.

One sister lives in the Turkish city of Killis, near the border with Syria. The oldest of her four children, a 16-year-old boy, is now the family's sole breadwinner.

Another sister lives in Izmir, and a third in Lebanon.

His parents moved from Killis to Izmir to live with one of Mohammed's two brothers. He works 12 hours a day, six days a week in a metal shop. The job pays \$600 a month, barely enough to support his wife, three children and parents.

Mohammed's other brother is stuck in Syria, driving a taxi.

And Mohammed is the farthest away, unable to reach the rest of his family. All he has

are the calls.

After every one, he said, "my heart aches."

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Mohammed is still planning. When his house mates move on, he'll ask the landlord to get German tenants so he'll have no choice but to speak German. "I'll be fluent in just about a year," he predicted.

He aims to enroll at a German university by the fall of 2017 for a degree in mass media or languages—German and English. Plan B is to enroll in a vocational training program as a quicker way of gaining employment.

"When my German is perfect and I have a job, I will be just like any other German. I will be paying taxes, perhaps 30 or 35 percent of my income, and that would be the repayment of the money I am getting from the government now."

He'll also be able to move ahead in his personal life. He hasn't thought about dating since he arrived in Germany. He feels he has nothing to offer yet, and he doesn't want to just meet a woman on the street.

At university, he said, he

can get to know a woman. He imagines he'll date someone poor like him.

"Our poverty will be sweet. We will discuss issues, share experiences and read each other's mind," he said. "It's nice to be poor and then slowly earn more and more money."

A year ago, he said he would only marry a Syrian or a German woman of Arab origin, but now he says he's more flexible.

"She can be a Muslim or a Christian," he says. Before marriage, he says, they would work out issues like how the children would be raised and what his wife would wear in public.

"She will also have to tell me what I need to change myself."

For now, his entire future hangs on learning German. His final exam for the third level of his course is in October. If he doesn't pass that, he'll have to repeat, delaying everything.

"Germany needs a great deal of patience," he said. "My journey is long, and without patience I will not complete it."

Life & Style

Cheers and jeers: Americans tune into Trump-Clinton debate

LAS VEGAS (AP)—From senior centers to college campuses and bars featuring campaign-themed cocktails, Americans laughed, cheered and jeered through the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Viewers tuned in Monday on their TVs, cellphones and radios to watch and listen to the showdown between the two major presidential candidates.

Here are some of the scenes across the U.S. as people watched the event:

LAS VEGAS:

A debate watch party at the Atria Sunlake retirement home in Las Vegas started with about 15 people, but some residents dozed off during event and the crowd thinned to about half of that an hour into the event.

"I don't know if Hillary will be able to shut the big mouth down," said Joan Moelter, 81, as she polished off a dinner of chicken and crab cakes with her new boyfriend, 86-year-old Jack Abrams.

A Minnesota native, Moelter owned two Dairy Queen restaurants and has long considered herself a Republican. She's rooting for Clinton this time around.

"I think other countries are going to look at Trump and say, 'What a disgrace the Unit-



ed States has," she said.

CENTENNIAL, Colorado:

About 25 liberals and conservatives, Clinton and Trump supporters, jammed a basement watch party organized by two former legislators from both sides of the aisle. There were no undecideds by a show of hands, and all were glued to the television screen began.

John D. Carson, a 29-year-old graduate in biomedical

science from Regis University in Denver, said he hoped for more hardball questions—especially of Clinton's national security credentials after Clinton's email scandal. "How can we trust her?" Carson, a Trump supporter, suggested.

Before the debate ended, Khadija Haynes, a Denver political organizer who backs Clinton, said both candidates were disappointing.

Haynes said she was par-

ticularly upset that both candidates responded to a question on race relations by referring to crime. "Their answers were racist by equating that with gun violence," said Haynes. "Crime is a symptom of the disease. And both of them gave us an aspirin answer to a cancer question."

RALEIGH, North Carolina:

At the all-women's Mer-

edith College more than 75 students, faculty and guests listened carefully and quietly, save for a few laughs or short bursts of applause

AP
A bipartisan group of friends and colleagues of two former Colorado lawmakers from both sides of the aisle, former US Rep. Spencer Swalm, top center, a Republican, and former US Rep. Joe Miklosi, top right, a Democrat, gather to listen to the first presidential debate during a watch party at Swalm's house in Centennial, Colo., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

stemming from the debate's back-and-forth.

That's partially because the watch party was sponsored in part by a campus initiative focusing on civil dialogue. But it's also because many of them had the night's popular accessory: an "ELECTO" card, based on the popular bingo game. Each square was a likely phrase or word Clinton, Trump or moderator Lester Holt might say, like "Let's move on," "Gender Gap," and "Obamacare." Students could fill out the cards with pieces of candy.

Harrison Scott Key wins \$5,000 James Thurber prize for humor

NEW YORK (AP)—Author Harrison Scott Key's comic memoir about growing up with a father of outsized presence has won the Thurber Prize for American Humor.

Key is a contributing editor to Oxford American magazine whose essays also have appeared in The New York Times and Outside. He wins the Thurber Prize for "The World's Largest Man." He receives \$5,000 and a commemorative crystal plaque.

Monday's runners-up were Jason Gay for "Little Victories" and Mary Norris for "Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen."

The awards are presented by Thurber House, a non-profit-organization based in Columbus, Ohio, hometown for the late author and cartoonist James Thurber. Previous winners include Julie Schumacher, Calvin Trillin and David Sedaris.

The Thurber prize was established in 1997.

Dustin Hoffman & Judi Dench receive Int'l Emmy nominations

NEW YORK (AP)—Dustin Hoffman and Judi Dench received International Emmy nominations Monday for their roles in the BBC One TV movie "Roald Dahl's Esio Trot."

Brazil had a leading seven nominations, followed by Britain with six, including best actor and actress for Hoffman and Dench.

The two Oscar-winning acting veterans were honored for their roles in "Esio Trot," based on Dahl's children's novel about a lonely aging bachelor who tries to woo the widow in the flat below, who is overly fond of her pet tortoise.

Germany had five nominations, including best TV movie/miniseries and best actor (Florian Stetter) for "Nackt Unter Wolfen (Naked Among Wolves)," an adaptation of the novel by East German author Bruno Apitz about prisoners in the Buchenwald concentration camp who risk their lives to hide a Polish-Jewish boy.

Canada and South Korea each had three nominations, while Argentina, France and the Philippines had two apiece.

The International Academy

of Television Arts & Sciences said 40 nominees from 15 countries will be competing in 10 categories for the International Emmys, which honor excellence in TV programming outside the U.S. The awards will be presented Nov. 21 at a gala at the Hilton New York Hotel hosted by Alan Cumming.

Brazilian nominees include Alexandre Nero (best actor) for "A Regra do Jogo (Rules of the Game)" and Grazi Massafra (best actress) for "Verdades Secretas (Hidden Truths)," "Zorra (The Mess)" in the comedy category and "Adotada" for non-scripted entertainment.

The other British nominees are "Hoff the Record" (comedy), "My Son the Jihadi" (documentary), "Gogglebox" (non-scripted entertainment), and "Capital" (TV movie/miniseries).

Taiwanese actor James Wen was the only other best-actor nominee for "Echoes of Time" (Singapore). Other best-actress nominees are Jodi Sta. Maria of the Philippines for "Pangako Sa'yo (The Promise)" and Germany's Christiane Paul for "Unter Radar (Under the Radar)."

Also competing in the comedy category are France's "Dix Pour Cent (Call My Agent)" and South Africa's "Puppet Nation ZA."

Nominees for best drama series are Canada's "19-2," Argentina's "La Casa Del Mar," Germany's "Deutschland 83" and the United Arab Emirates' "Waiting for Jasmin."

History of slavery in NY examined through runaways notices

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—They were field hands, cooks, musicians and blacksmiths. Some were "well made," others lame. A few showed ritual tribal scarring from their native Africa, others bore scars inflicted by their masters. All of them—some 600-plus men and women—were black slaves who bolted for freedom in upstate New York in the 1700s and early 1800s.

The details of their escapes are included in a new book by two upstate historians who examine slavery in the Hudson Valley through a century of newspaper notices seeking the return of runaway slaves.

Susan Stessin-Cohn, of New Paltz, and Ashley Hurlburt-Biagini, of Salisbury Mills, spent years scouring archives for "In Defiance," recently published by Albany-based Black Dome Press. Their soft-cover book contains reprints and transcriptions of more than 550 newspaper notices published between 1735 and 1831, four years after slavery was abolished in New York state.

Most of the notices were published in papers printed in a 10-county region from Albany to Westchester County. Many contain vivid physical descriptions of the 607 runaways documented in the

book, a fraction of the untold number of enslaved blacks in New York who sought freedom through escape. The information offers a unique glimpse into the lives of the Northern slaves who worked the valley's farms and toiled in its homesteads, the authors said.

"There's so few stories about enslaved people (in the North)," said Stessin-Cohn, historian for the town of New Paltz, 75 miles north of New York City. "Each little notice is like a vignette, it's a story on someone's life. It puts a face on this whole human experience."

While a handful of the larger New York estates had dozens of slaves working on them during the Colonial and antebellum periods, the typical upstate slaveholder owned one to five slaves, Stessin-Cohn said. While that meant Hudson Valley slaves tended to possess a variety of skills, it also left them more isolated from one another compared to blacks forced to work on Southern plantations, she said.

Slavery in the North could be even harsher "because they were so alone and they were under their enslaver's watch constantly," Stessin-Cohn said.

Liev Schreiber, Naomi Watts separating after 11 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts are separating after 11 years together.

The celebrity couple says

in a joint statement Monday they've "come to the conclusion that the best way forward for us as a family is to separate as a couple."

Schreiber and Watts have been together since 2005.

They have two children and are not married.

They added in the statement "it is with great love, respect and friendship in our hearts that we look forward to raising our children together and exploring this new phase of our relationship."

No other details were provided.

Schreiber stars in the Showtime series "Ray Donovan" and his film credits include "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," "Salt" and "Scream."

Watts has appeared in such movies as "St. Vincent," "The Ring" and "Mullholland Drive."



In this Jan. 11, 2015 file photo, Naomi Watts, left, and Liev Schreiber arrive at the 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Molly Ringwald eyes return to stage in a classic title

NEW YORK (AP)—"The Breakfast Club" star Molly Ringwald will return to a New York stage in an adaptation of another classic 1980s film—"Terms of Endearment." 59E59 Theaters said Monday that Ringwald will star in the bittersweet story of a mother and daughter that was turned into an Oscar-winning film by James L. Brooks. Performances begin Oct. 29. Ringwald, who starred in the films "Pretty in Pink" and "Sixteen Candles," is no stranger to the stage, having been on Broadway in "Cabaret" and "Enchanted April." Off-Broadway, she has been in "Modern Orthodox," "How I Learned to Drive" and "Tick, Tick... Boom!"

Matt LeBlanc signs 2-series deal to host BBC's 'Top Gear'

LONDON (AP)—The BBC says former "Friends" star Matt LeBlanc has signed a two-series deal to host its popular car show "Top Gear." The broadcaster announced Monday that LeBlanc will front the program when it returns for a 24th series in 2017. LeBlanc was one of two hosts when "Top Gear" was relaunched in May after the loss of its longstanding team of presenters. His co-host, Chris Evans, quit in July after the show drew lackluster ratings and lukewarm re-

views. A mix of humor, stunts and automotive advice, "Top Gear" became a global hit under presenters Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May. The trio left last year after an off-set dustup in which Clarkson punched a producer. They are hosting a new car show, "The Grand Tour," on Amazon Prime.

Train, buttocks among contenders for art's Turner Prize

LONDON (AP)—A model train and bare buttocks are among artworks nominated for the prestigious Turner Prize. Work by four short-listed artists went on display Monday at London's Tate Britain gallery. The show includes Michael Dean's scrap-metal sculptures, Helen Marten's collage-based works, Josephine Pryde's model of a graffiti-covered train and Anthea Hamilton's surrealist sculptures, including a 10-meter (33-foot) tall model of a man's naked posterior. The winner of the 25,000-pound (\$32,000) prize will be announced Dec. 5. Founded in 1984 and given annually to a Britain-based artist under 50, the prize often sparks heated debate about the value of modern art. Named for 19th-century landscape painter J.M.W. Turner, the award helped make stars of potter Grayson Perry, shark pickler Damien Hirst and "12 Years a Slave" director Steve McQueen.

Scorsese's 'Silence' to get Oscar-qualifying release Dec. 23

NEW YORK (AP)—Martin Scorsese's "Silence," a historical drama about faith in feudal Japan, will open in time to qualify for the Academy Awards.

Paramount Pictures said Monday that "Silence" will

open in limited release Dec. 23 with a nationwide expansion to follow sometime in January.

Whether the film, a decades-long passion project for Scorsese, would be ready in time for release this year had been a

major question mark in Hollywood's awards season. Scorsese's last two feature films, "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "Hugo," collected a total of 16 Oscar nominations.

"Silence," which stars Andrew Garfield, Adam

Driver and Liam Neeson, is based on Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel. It's about two Portuguese Jesuit missionaries traveling to 17th-century Japan to spread Christianity and find their missing mentor.

Lindsay Lohan visits hospital for Syrian refugees in Turkey



ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey's state-run news agency says American actress Lindsay Lohan has visited Syrian refugees at an Istanbul hospital and the home of a refugee family from Aleppo.

The Anadolu agency reported Monday that the 30-year-old actress was accompanied by Turkey's youth and sports deputy minister, Abdurrahim

Boynukalin.

Boynukalin says media were not told about Lohan's visit ahead of time to avoid creating a spectacle and he didn't specify when it took place.

He said, "The important thing is that a Hollywood star take this matter seriously and bring it to the world stage."

Boynukalin says the star of such films as "Mean Girls" and "Freaky Friday" was moved by the hospital, which employs only Syrian doctors and treats refugees, and offered to volunteer there.

Lohan also gave gifts to the refugee family.

Wife in sexless marriage is tempted by outside offer

DEAR ABBY: I've been in a committed relationship for 19 years, and have been married for three years. My husband is wonderful, except he has absolutely no sex drive. And of course, in the true nature of opposition, mine is off the charts.

I have met another man who is in a loveless marriage. He says they don't have intimate relations, and she knows he has had "flings" over the years. He has asked me to be his newest "friend with benefits." He's attractive, employed, and wants only a physical relationship. (I suspect their marriage is tied to his business, but I'm not sure.)

I'm honestly tempted, because I'm lonely in that regard. No marriage is perfect, by any means, but am I biting off more than I can chew even if I get my husband's permission (which he would likely give), and assuming this man is telling the truth about his wife? What to do?

DESPERATE IN THE NORTH

DEAR DESPERATE: While some open marriages have been known to work if the husband and wife are willing, I hesitate to recommend it. You describe yourself as desperate. You MUST be desperate to consider becoming someone's latest "fling."

Did your husband's low sex drive exist before your marriage, or is it something new? If it is recent, there may be

medical help for his problem—if he is willing to talk to his doctor about it. Please suggest it before you do anything else.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a new relationship (six months) with a man who treats me like gold. He's kind, affectionate and a great man, except for one thing.

His office building is right next to mine, which is how we met. During work hours I'm extremely busy and don't generally have time to hang out or take breaks. If I do, it may be to run a quick errand or grab a sandwich with a co-worker.

Abby, I have worked here for eight years, and I don't invite ANYONE to socialize during work hours. He texts me that he's outside my building, or he says he just dropped by to say "hi" or "bye." If he sees me pull in at my office, he will wave me down or jog over to walk me to work.

My professional life has always been separate from my personal life. I need my work hours to myself, and I have told him this numerous times. I have asked him not to come by and explained that my 9-to-5 is for work. He just doesn't get it.

I don't want to end my relationship over this, but I love my job. It is important that I be focused at work. I don't think it's appropriate to be hugging, kissing and embracing in front of my office. We see each other after work every day. Please give

DEAR ABBY

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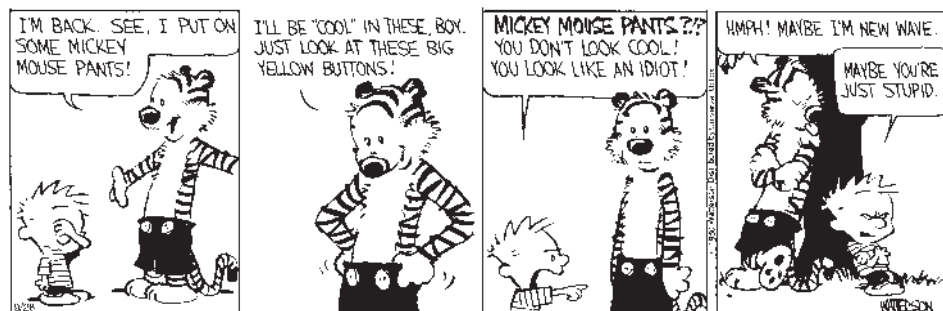
DEAR WANTS TO WORK ALONE: Because you have told this man repeatedly that you aren't comfortable with him dropping by during work hours or engaging in public displays of affection where you can be observed, it's time to "up the ante." The next time it happens, tell him you think he's terrific, but if he can't respect your work ethic and your boundaries, it might jeopardize your relationship.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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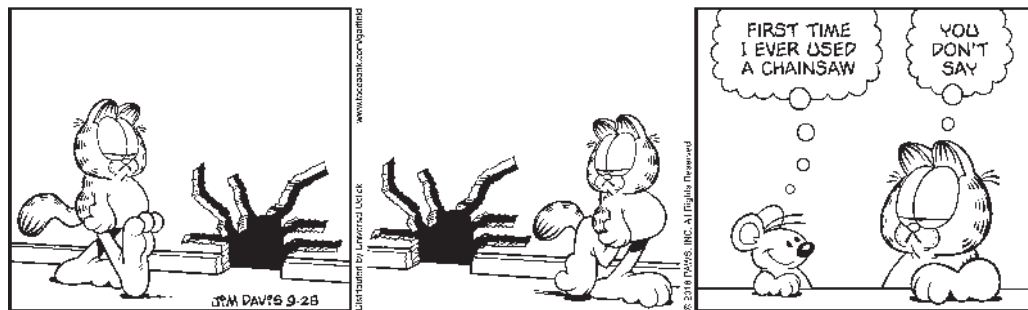
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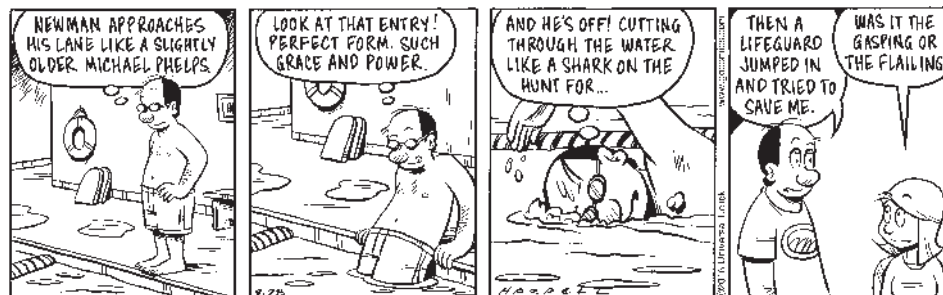
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Yesterday's answer 9-28

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Kirsten Prout, 26; Hilary Duff, 29; Mira Sorvino, 49; Janeane Garofalo, 52.

Happy Birthday: Look for a unique way to get things done and to bring about positive changes at home and to the way you take care of business. Show what you have to offer and express your concerns and reasons for wanting to move in the direction you are heading. Preparation and presentation will make a difference. Your numbers are 6, 17, 26, 28, 35, 42, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't feel pressured to take on the impossible. Gauge the possibilities and only offer what's realistic. It's better to offer less and do more than to offer more and fall short. Try to live up to your expectations. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan an outing or trip that will broaden your outlook and give you an advantage over any competition you face. An open mind and curious attitude will help you gather important details. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Children, relatives and friends will challenge your boundaries. Stand your ground and use ingenuity to get others to see things your way. An incentive coupled with a compliment will help you get your way. Don't overspend. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your life simple and affordable. If you take on too much or make promises that aren't financially sound, you will face opposition at home. Work on personal improve-

ments and getting along with the people you care about most. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rediscover, update and follow trends that will help you stay on top of the changes going on around you. Professional advancement will depend on continuous education and mastering new skills. Learn as you go and you won't fall behind. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share your feelings and you will be able to put an end to a situation that has been bothering you. Your practical outlook will spark interest in someone you least expect. Don't be afraid to do things differently. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone will come to your aid. Listen to the voice of experience and make the changes suggested. Don't overspend or over-indulge to fill an emotional void. Fix whatever is wrong instead of masking the problem with unnecessary items. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use your insight, vision and sense of practicality to get things done on time and according to your strategy. Refuse to let anyone lure you off course. Someone may be threatened by your precision and skills. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let your emotions interfere with what you have to achieve today. Preparation will give you the confidence to dismiss anyone who is trying to lead you astray. Initiate change instead of having it forced on you. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to what you know. Negotiate contracts and legal matters on your own behalf. Set high standards and don't let anyone deter you from reaching your goals. Do things differently if it will lead to greater success. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Deal with money, legal and health matters calmly. If you let your anger mount, you will end up looking bad and not gaining any ground. Look at the big picture and consider what you can give up to get what you want. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Form a partnership with someone you enjoy doing things with. Whether it's a business or personal partnership, the joint effort will bring about positive results. Money matters will improve if you can find a way to cut your overhead. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are generous, caring and intense. You are protective and patient.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level: ★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Indians tame Tigers to clinch AL Central crown



DETROIT
(AP)—When the Cleveland

Indians poured onto the field to celebrate their first division title since 2007, their mounting list of concerns became secondary.

Injuries to Michael Brantley, Carlos Carrasco, Danny Salazar—and now ace Corey Kluber? The Indians have overcome all of it so far, and that's why the AL Central is theirs with about a week to spare.

Cleveland clinched the division championship Monday night, overcoming an injury to Kluber in a 7-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Kluber left after four innings with right groin tightness, joining Carrasco and Salazar in a group of talented pitchers dealing with health problems.

Brantley has barely played this year because of shoulder problems, and catcher Yan Gomes is out, too. Yet the Indians have held onto first place for more than three months.

"It's hard, man. It is so hard to explain how hard winning is," manager Terry Francona said. "We've had some challenges thrown our way, but so has everyone else. We managed to get this far, and now we get to play more baseball."

Cleveland last made the postseason in 2013 as a wild card.



Cleveland Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor, left, tags Detroit Tigers' Jose Iglesias out on an attempted steal of second base during the third inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

tore his ACL and medial collateral ligament.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 5

In Toronto, Mark Teixeira hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and Aaron Hicks added a winning blast as New York avoided a four-game sweep.

Leading 3-2 heading to the ninth, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons called on Jason Grilli (7-6) to close it out because Roberto Osuna was unavailable after pitching the previous two days.

Teixeira tied it 3-all with a one-out drive into the second deck drive in right. Didi Gregorius singled and Hicks followed with a two-run homer.

Brewers 8, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Jonathan Villar had two home runs and a career-high five RBI, and Matt Garza beat his former team.

The loss dropped AL West-champion Texas a half-game behind Boston in the race for the league's best record. The Cleveland Indians pulled within a half-game of the Rangers.

Reds 15, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Joey Votto and Adam Duvall hit two of Cincinnati's four homers in a rout of St. Louis.

Reds starter Tim Lincecum (3-4) retired the first 10 Cardinals he faced and went a career-long seven innings. It was his first win since Aug. 19.

Jaime Garcia (10-13) lasted just one inning in the shortest outing of his career.

White Sox 7, Rays 1

In Chicago, James Shields pitched six effective innings for his first win in two months, Justin Morneau and Carlos Sanchez each hit a two-run homer and Chicago beat Tampa Bay.

Shields (6-18) allowed one run and seven hits, using six strikeouts to help wriggle out of several jams and help Chicago win its third straight.

Angels 2, Athletics 1

In Anaheim, Yunel Escobar scored when Ryan Dull (5-5) bobbled Albert Pujols' weak grounder back to the mound in the eighth inning, and Los Angeles beat Oakland for its fifth victory in six games.

Mike Trout hit his 29th homer for the Angels. JC Ramirez (2-1) got the win in relief and Andrew Bailey got his sixth save.

Marlins 7, Mets 3

In Miami, Dee Gordon and the Miami Marlins wore their emotions on the sleeves of their No. 16 jerseys.

Jose Fernandez would have loved it.

Gordon homered leading off the first inning for the Marlins, who totaled 14 hits and mixed cheers with the tears of the past two days by beating

the New York Mets in their first game since Fernandez died in a boating accident.

Adam Conley pitched three scoreless innings subbing for Fernandez, who had been scheduled to make his final start of the year. Justin Bour went 3 for 3 and Gordon had four hits, including one that will go down in Marlins lore.

Paying tribute to their char-

ismatic ace, the left-handed-hitting Gordon stepped to the plate as a rightly leading off the first. After one pitch, Gordon switched to his customary left side—and pulled a 2-0 delivery into the upper deck for his first homer of the season.

Mariners 4, Astros 3, 11 innings

In Houston, Robinson Cano

hit his second homer of the game with two outs in the 11th inning, lifting Seattle over Houston.

Houston scored two runs in the ninth, but then Cano sent a slider from Luke Gregerson (4-3) into the second deck in right field to win.

The victory moves Seattle two games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card and drops Houston, which has lost four of five, to 3 1/2 games back in the race

Cubs 12, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Javier Baez hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs while major league ERA leader Kyle Hendricks pitched six scoreless innings, and Chicago won its 100th game of the season.

Baez helped the NL Central-champion Cubs reach triple digits in victories for the first time since 1935.

Hendricks (16-8) dropped his ERA to 1.99 by scattering seven hits, striking out five and walking none. He has not allowed more than three runs in 22 consecutive starts.

Diamondbacks 14, Nationals 4

In Washington, All-Star catcher Wilson Ramos left Washington's loss to Arizona with a right knee injury that could be a major blow to the NL East champions.

Ramos landed awkwardly on his right leg after jumping to catch a relay throw in the sixth inning. He immediately called for medical attention and clutched at the same knee he injured badly during the 2012 season, when he

Palmer's legacy overshadows Ryder Cup

CHASKA, Minn. (AP)—The flag at half-staff over Hazeltine National was enough to take the edge off the Ryder Cup.

Arnold Palmer occupied everyone's thoughts on Monday.

"There's a hole in the game that can't be filled," Phil Mickelson said.

Tributes poured in for Palmer, who died Sunday at age 87. Even as European players arrived from an overnight flight out of Heathrow Airport, any conversation about the Ryder Cup was secondary to their thoughts on the King.

"The legacy he leaves behind is very important," Martin Kaymer said. "He inspired millions of people. That's what we as humans should try to do."

Alastair Johnston, the CEO of Arnold Palmer Enterprises, said Palmer had gone to Pittsburgh for a heart procedure in a bid to improve "the quality of life he was severely losing." The surgery was to be Monday morning. He said his condition deteriorated over

the last few days.

A private funeral in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was scheduled for later in the week. Johnston said that would be for "pure family, direct relationships." He said a public ceremony to commemorate Palmer's life would be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 4 at St. Vincent College.

Johnston said Palmer would not have wanted to encroach on a week in golf as big as the Ryder Cup, though that proved difficult.

And the Ryder Cup made it clear it did not want to go on without Palmer.

PGA of America President Derek Sprague said there would a video tribute and a moment of silence before the high-charged matches begin Friday. He also said players would pay homage to Palmer, though details have not been decided.

"It was tough waking up this morning and starting over," U.S. captain Davis Love III said. "I know everybody on our team was just

kind of crushed last night. ... This is a big blow for golf, but we knew it was coming, unfortunately, since maybe even before the Bay Hill tournament this year when we saw him. His legacy will live on forever, especially through the Ryder Cup."

The Ryder Cup was but a small part of Palmer's contributions to golf and sport. He played on six teams, all of them American victories during a time when they faced a Britain & Ireland squad that was overmatched.

Palmer holds the U.S. record for most matches won (22), and in 1963 at East Lake he holds the distinction as being the last Ryder Cup playing captain. Palmer went 4-2 that year.

Europe has won the last three times in the Ryder Cup, and tension typically runs high as soon as its players arrive at the golf course.

Momentum was building toward the start of the week when Rory McIlroy rallied over the final holes to beat



LeBron says ‘a personal goal’ to match Jordan



INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—Now that LeBron James has won a championship for the ages, he's set a loftier goal:

Catching Michael Jordan.

Long flattered to be mentioned in the same company with Jordan and other NBA legends, James has been hesitant to publicly acknowledge that he wants to be remembered as the greatest in league history.

It's time now.

"It's a personal goal," James told The Associated Press on Monday. "I just never brought it up. It's my own personal goal to be able to be greater than great. I think that should be everybody's personal goal."

James became a three-time champion when he helped end Cleveland's 52-year title drought with a historic comeback from a 3-1 deficit to Golden State in last season's finals.

On Monday, James discussed a variety of topics during a 10-minute interview with the AP after he spoke at the Cavs' media day. James touched upon the fear he feels as a parent in light of recent police shootings and violence, his longevity and relentless drive to win and what impact All-Star Kevin Durant's signing with the Warriors will have on him.

James has revered Jordan since he was a kid. Like every other young basketball player



AP
Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love (0), LeBron James (23) and Kyrie Irving (2) pose for photographs during the NBA basketball team's media day, Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, in Independence, Ohio.

in America, he wanted to be like Mike.

He modeled himself after No. 23 on the court and followed some of Air Jordan's moves off it as a businessman and sneaker-wearing, multi-million dollar corporation. James has often rejected the obvious comparisons between him and Jordan, but shortly after winning it all this summer with the Cavs, he told Sports Illustrated that "my motivation is this ghost I'm chasing.

The ghost played in Chicago."

Jordan's spirit has consumed James and continually fueled him. His desire to match the Bulls legend, who won six championships, shouldn't be viewed as anything unusual. He feels everyone should yearn to reach their potential—and beyond.

We should all aim higher.

"If you work for any company or you work for any designer or anywhere, you're like, 'Oh, I aspire to be that guy be-

cause he's done it right.' He's the greatest and that's who you look at," he said. "So that's always been my personal goal, to use the motivation he gave me as a kid and I'll use it as motivation now as well that I want to get to where he is. That's never changed. People kind of wanted to turn it into a conversation, but that's my personal goal and that's where I land at."

James joked that he needs "two more months" to recover

before starting the new season. But it's here as the Cavaliers, for the first time as defending champions, will open training camp Tuesday.

James didn't spend much time reflecting this summer because he had other commitments. However, he said the retirements of Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett—a trio of the hoops icons—has made him consider his legacy and basketball mortality.

At 31, he sees the end of his career for the first time.

"Yeah," he said. "My class is next."

James entered the league along with Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, close friends he has hinted at playing with before hanging it up. For now, they are becoming some of the game's elder statesmen, a fact accented by a larger patch of gray in James' beard.

"We're next up in line," he said. "We've given the game all we can give. We're the next crew, so it definitely makes you reflect on everything and you don't take anything for granted. I never do, but in my career I've always been like, 'Man, this is an unbelievable moment I've been put in.' I try to give as much as I can. But we on deck."

James's next challenge is one he's faced before—to repeat. It's all new to the Cavaliers, who have never been on top and could suffer from a post-championship hangover. James has seen it happen, and he'll do all he can so it won't happen this season.

He's going to make the

Cavs keep their edge.

"I'm just as hungry as I was before," he said. "It's like I haven't won. The natural, human nature would be to relax. But you work so hard and then you see what the result is. Why not have that feeling again?"

Cleveland celebrated its first title since 1964 with a party that carried deep into the summer. It began with a parade through the city's streets, which overflowed and engulfed James and his teammates. It was moving and motivating, something James will treasure for the rest of his life.

"Incredible, man," he said. "That's what I wanted to do. That's what I came back for, to allow this city and region to celebrate. To know that I had a hand in making people forget everything that went on in Cleveland sports history, whether it was 60-year-old men and women or 13-year-old boys and girls, it's all been incredible."

The Cavs' path to a repeat could be made harder by Durant's decision to join Stephen Curry and Co. in the Bay Area. The move jolted the league. James didn't blink.

It's not the first time a superstar has moved - if anyone knows that, it's James. He's readied his body for the eight-month grind ahead, and there appear no signs of him slowing down soon.

"When I'm done," he said. "I feel good."

Good enough for 10 more years?

"Yeah," he said, laughing. "That would give me a chance to play with my son or against my son."

At NBA media day, concern for country over concern for team

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA players aren't just worried about their teams as they start a new season.

They're concerned for their country.

The usual basketball clichés that dominate media days gave way to serious talk about social injustice and violence in communities, with players wanting to be involved in finding solutions but acknowledging they don't know yet how.

"Some of the things that I've been addressing over this past summer, I think we're still in the same state. I think it's actually getting worse and it will continue to get worse," Knicks All-Star Carmelo Anthony said Monday. "We still have to kind of keep the conversations going."

Anthony was among the highest-profile and most outspoken players following the killing of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota in July, joining friends and fellow stars LeBron James,

Dwyane Wade and Chris Paul in a powerful opening to the ESPY Awards and continuing to speak out while playing for the U.S. Olympic team.

But recent killings by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charlotte, North Carolina, captured on video have convinced those players that progress they seek hasn't arrived.

"Obviously, I know things don't happen overnight, but it doesn't seem like there is any change," James told The Associated Press. "We just want the conversation to continue to be, 'Who are our leaders? Who are our true leaders that are going to help us change what's going on?' Everyone is looking for that and no one knows."

Players praised San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick for bringing attention with his peaceful protest of kneeling during the national anthem. James, Anthony, NBA MVP Stephen Curry and others said they would continue to stand

—as NBA rules stipulate—and hoped players could find meaningful ways to work with their teammates instead of individually.

"Am I going to kneel down and put my fist up? No, I'm not. That's no disrespect to Colin or anybody else that's doing it. But they've gotten the point across," said Draymond Green, Curry's Golden State teammate. "I don't think I need to come out and do a national anthem protest, because it's already started. There's already a conversation. But like I said, is there going to be something done about it?"

Protests over the killing of Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte turned violent, with Mayor Jennifer Roberts imposing a curfew. Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside still calls the area home and was troubled by it.

"We've just got to get an understanding of it," Whiteside told the AP. "There's not really one way to fix the prob-

lem. It's been going on for a while. People are sick of it."

Brooklyn's Jeremy Lin said he's thankful there's more awareness about a problem that was long ignored, but is worried about some of the heated reactions they produced.

"I just know that right now, talking to different parties and seeing both sides, there's just a lot of tension and hostility and I don't think that's going to get it done," Lin said. "I think that's going to harbor more violence."

Most teams will begin practicing Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Wade and Dwight Howard slipped into the jerseys of teams they rooted for as kids Monday. Howard said joining his hometown Atlanta Hawks was a "dream come true" after enduring rocky stints with the Lakers and Rockets, while Wade is getting to work with the Chicago Bulls after making 12 All-Star teams in 13 years in Miami.

Freeman, Coleman lift Falcons past Saints, 45-32

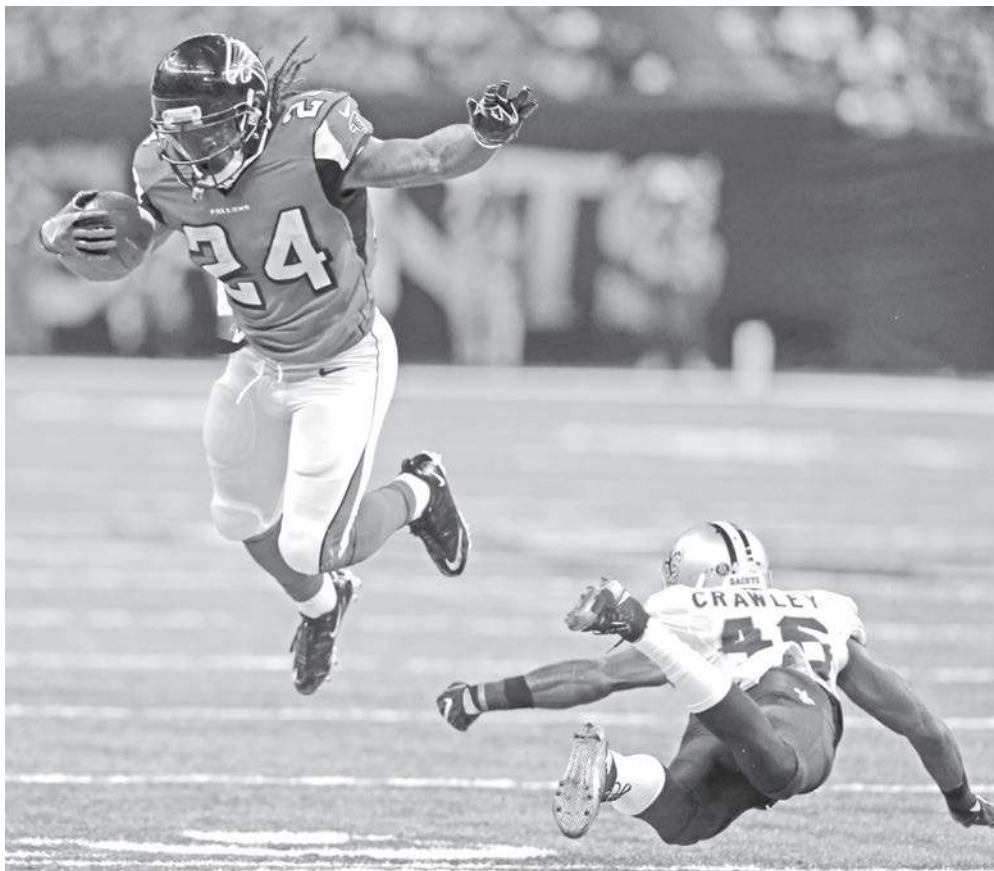


NEW ORLEANS
(AP)—Devonta Freeman practically wore out the Superdome turf with one long gain after another, Tevin Coleman wouldn't be denied near the goal line and the New Orleans Saints hardly looked like the team that made an emotional homecoming nearly 10 years ago to the day.

Cheers turned to boos, and many fans filed out early. Coleman rushed for three touchdowns, Matt Ryan passed for two TDs and Deion Jones returned an interception 90 yards for a score to help the Atlanta Falcons beat the winless New Orleans Saints 45-32 on Monday night.

"It was real fun. Everybody was doing their job and everybody was playing for each other," Coleman said. "Everything clicked, and we got it done. It's a real big win for us to beat this team here."

The game coincided with New Orleans' celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Saints' memorable return to the Superdome on Sept. 25, 2006, 13 months after Hurricane Katrina. But there would be no reprise of New Orleans' dominant and emotional 23-3 triumph over Atlanta a decade ago.



The Saints' depleted defense struggled to slow Freeman, who rushed for 152 yards and caught five passes for 55 yards. Coleman also was effective in the passing game out of the backfield, with three receptions for 47 yards to go with his 42 yards rushing.

"We have to stop the run better," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "They were over 200 yards in situations where you knew the run was coming, even at the end of the game."

Ryan finished with 240 yards passing for Atlanta (2-1), which did not turn the ball over and moved into sole possession of first place in the NFC South.

Drew Brees put up his usual big numbers—376 yards and three TDs passing—and hit tight end Coby Fleener seven times for 109 yards and a TD. But Brees' tipped pass that resulted in Jones' TD return early in the fourth quarter gave the Falcons a 45-25 lead that proved too much for New Orleans to overcome.

The loss dropped the Saints (0-3) to last place—a far cry from their 3-0 start in 2006.

Jones had "NOLA" written on his cleats as a nod to his hometown of New Orleans. The rookie was only 11 when the dome re-opened after Katrina. He wound up with a pivotal scoring play in his first pro game there.

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"It was a great moment for Deion Jones, right here back at home," Falcons coach Dan Quinn said. "That was very personal to him."

A cruel irony for the Saints was the way they lost the early momentum on—of all

plays—a Falcons punt. A decade earlier, the Saints seized the early momentum on Steve Gleason's punt block that was recovered for a touchdown.

On Monday night, New Orleans had raced to a 7-0 lead and forced a punt on a sack, only to turn the ball over when punt returner Tommylee Lewis was run into by teammate De'Vante Harris. After the collision knocked Lewis to the ground, the ball came down right near him. As it bounced up, Harris tried to grab it, but it bounced away from him. It was recovered by Atlanta on the 11, setting up Coleman's first TD.

"It's a terrible play," Payton said, citing Harris specifically. "There's two mistakes -- runs into the returner and then tries to pick the ball up. It's bad."

Atlanta star Julio Jones played despite missing a couple practices during the week because of a sore calf. He did not make his first catch until the second half, on the sixth pass of the game intended for him. That play went for 16 yards and was his only catch.

The Falcons gouged New Orleans' porous defense for 217 yards on the ground, highlighted by runs of 48, 36 and 26 yards by Freeman. That took a lot of pressure off Ryan, who praised his offensive line.

UFO masters caging meeting tonight

Organizers of United Filipino Organization's 15th Inter-Organizational Basketball League are calling all representatives of participating teams to attend a meeting tonight at 7pm.

UFO president Bong Malasarte will host the meeting at his residence in Susupe.

The masters league will open on Oct. 9 at 8am at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium,

while games will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

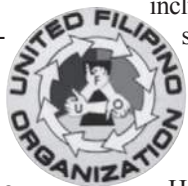
Malasarte said details of the opening ceremony, league format, ground rules, and awards will be discussed at the meeting.

So far, nine teams have confirmed their participation in the masters league, while organizers are waiting for

three more squads. The initial list of confirmed teams includes Stephens Pawnshop, 8th Division,

Blue Eagle, Benjie Abadilla's squad, Boy Garcia's crew, Mobil, Ali'i Blue Haus, Armatech, and Emon Lodge 179.

For more information, contact Malasarte at 285-55-25. (PR)



OL'ACES

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lin Macahito, and Zack Babauta suited up for 5-Star Construction for the first time and helped their team recover from its debut loss to the San Antonio Patriots, 54-82.

Meanwhile, action in the

inaugural league will continue tonight with GMI Market (1-1) taking on Duenas Compound (1-0) in the first game at 6:30pm. In the second match at 8pm, the Chinese Association will be pitted against the Patriots.

First Game

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MGNEL Construction 68 — Ferrer 16, Asuhan 15, Aguon 8, Paragados 7, De Guzman 6, Isip 5, Rueda 4, Tabora 3.

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as timers or replacement timers, while a mandatory meeting for parents will be held this Friday at 5:30pm.

Meanwhile, besides the NMISF-hosted first meet, 26 others events are lined up for the 2016-2017 season.

NMISF will have another timed tournament on Nov. 5, while SSC will bring back the All Schools Swim Championship, which was canceled last year after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan. The All Schools meet this year will be held on Nov. 12, while on Nov. 19 to 21, Tsunami Saipan swim-

mers will head to Taiwan for the Taipei International Meet.

For December, there will be two events—with NMISF having its third timed meet on Dec. 3 and sending CNMI swimmers to Ontario, Canada for the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

Other tournaments NMISF scheduled for the season were the NMISF fourth meet on Jan. 7; SSC Distance Double Meet on Jan. 21; SSC Meek and Mighty on Feb. 4; SSC Pentathlon on Feb. 18; Tokyo Junior Sprint (for Tsunami Saipan swimmers) on March 4 and 5; SSC International Meet on March 16 to 18; Saipan

Ocean Swim on March 19;

Guam International Meet on April 1 and 2; Escape from Managaha on April 8; Sak Sprint Meet on April 29; NMISF meet on May 7; Guam B/C Championships on May 14; Guam Championships on May 27 and 28; Cocos Crossing on May 29; Summer Fun Open Water on June 4; Palau Invitational on June 11 to 13; Keo Nakama Invitational-Hawaii on July 4 to 6; FINA World Championships (long course) from July 23 to 30; Summer Fun Open Water on Aug. 6; Eagle Ray Open Water on Aug. 19; and Harvest Moon Open Water (Sept. 16).

TWIN

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eased past Kanoa FC, 8-0, to join idle TanHoldings at the top of the team standings. Matansa and TanHoldings hold similar 2-0-0 win-draw loss record with the former recording its first win against Paire, 11-2, during the league's opening day.

In its second game, Matansa was still on target, scoring three goals in the first half and playing even better in the second after adding five more.

Jun Sik Kim, who had three goals in their victory in Week 1, had another hat trick last Saturday, nailing his first in the 28th minute and the last two in the 59th and 73rd. James-bonies Valdez put Matansa on the board with his shot in the eighth minute, while Evan Belcher also scored in the first half, converting a shot in the 39th minute.

Joshua De Leon was the fourth Matansa player to light up the board with his goal in the 44th, while he got his second in the 71st. Belcher duplicated De Leon's feat as he earlier knocked in Matansa's sixth goal in the 66th minute.

Kanoa, after failing to score anew, dropped to a 0-0-2 mark. Kanoa fell to TanHoldings, 0-5, in its season debut

last Sept. 17.

GIRLS U15 Matansa 6, Kanoa 5

Matansa was also victorious in the second game in the girls U15 division after slipping past Kanoa.

Angel Sally and Guinevere Borja teamed up in helping Matansa (2-0-1) beat Kanoa (1-0-1) as they recorded three goals apiece with the latter completing her hat trick in the 61st and giving her new team the insurance.

Sally's back-to-back goals in less than a minute (7:15 and 7:50) and Borja's first in the 16th minute powered Matansa to a 3-0 advantage, but Kanoa refused to wave the white flag early and answered with two straight goals to remain in the game. Toremy Diaz handed Kanoa its first goal in the 31st minute, while Paulynn Joyce made it two in a row for their team to cut the deficit to one at the break, 2-3.

Borja's goal just into the opening minute of the second half gave Matansa cushion, 4-2, but again Kanoa battled back with Joyce registering two straight goals in a span of three minutes (45th and 48th) for the first deadlock of the game.

Sally then broke the tie with her third goal in the

54th minute, while Borja brought Matansa's lead back to 2, 6-4, when she hit the board seven minutes later. Kanoa threatened another comeback with Joyce earning her fourth consecutive goal in the 63rd minute, but Matansa hung tough on defense in the end to keep the lead and the win.

MP United 4, TanHoldings 1

In the other division game, Gillian Villagomez towed MP United to its first win.

Villagomez had a hat trick for MP United, which lost its season debut against defending champion Shirley's Coffee Shop early this month. Villagomez scored early with his first goal recorded in the ninth minute. She then got her second less than three minutes before the 35-minute first half wrapped up.

After giving up two goals in the opening half, it was TanHoldings' turn to make it to the board in the second with Marinel Joy Falalimpa finding the back of the net in the 43rd minute. However, MP United got the one goal back, thanks to Grace Choi's shot in the 44th. Villagomez went on to close out the scoring for MP United as she logged her third goal in the 56th.

10th PIC Point Break Invitational Competition

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Russia's Vladimir Prokopenko rides the wave during the kids bodyboard event in the 10th Annual Point Break Invitational Competition held over the weekend at the PIC Saipan's flowride facility.



Korean Jin Woo Ryou tries to keep his balance as he glides down the flowride facility.



Ji Yong Lim does the pin-wheel in the grommets division of the bodyboard event.

James Welly heads down the flowride facility.



Neil Fama dives to ride his bodyboard.



Daniel Bae is all smiles as he performs a trick in the bodyboard event.



Carter Borja shows off during the novice bodyboard event.

Jung Man Seok negotiates the artificial waves from the flowride facility.





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Twin wins for Matansa, MPU

Ol'Aces still perfect; 5-Star shines

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The Ol'Aces stretched their streak to three, while 5-Star Construction got its first win in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

The Ol'Aces pounded MGNEL Construction in the curtain-raiser, 92-68, while 5-Star Construction had a similar easy victory over the Chinese Association in the second game, 88-47.

Sans big man Jack Lizama, the Ol'Aces were challenged by MGNEL Construction in the first half before pulling away in the second. The Ol'Aces were only ahead by five at the break, 40-35, but managed to pad the lead to 19 by the end of the third, 69-50, thanks to Preston Basa's 3-point shooting.

The Marianas High School coach knocked in three triples in the pivotal third period, which Jesus Iguel capped with his own shot from the parking lot to lift the Ol'Aces

to the double-digit advantage. Freddie Pelisamen also contributed in the breakaway, adding 6 points, while three other Ol'Aces players scored in the third for the team's balance offense.

The Ol'Aces went on to keep their big lead with Andrew Palino and Romeo Iginoef putting the finishing touches on the team's 24-point victory. Palino and Iginoef combined for 12 of the Ol'Aces' last 14 markers.

Iguel and Pelisamen top-scored in the Ol'Aces' third straight win after firing 13 points each, while Iginoef also hit double figures with his 12 markers. Nak Nakashima and Dan Barcinas added 11 and 10, respectively, while Basa and Palino combined for 17 more points for the leading Ol'Aces.

In the second game, 5-Stars Construction was in control of the match right from the get-go en route to a 41-point win over the Chinese Association (0-2).

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5-Star Construction, left, and Chinese Association players battle for the rebound during the fourth quarter of their game in the MIBF outdoor league last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

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Paire Football Club, left, and MP United players nudge each other as they chase the ball during the first half of their boys U17 division game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Matansa Football Club and MP United FC triumphed both in the boys U17 and girls U15 division games in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday.

At the Oleai Sports Complex Field, MP United edged Paire FC, 1-0, to bounce back from its opening week loss. The spring champion, which bowed to TanHoldings in Week 1, 1-2, drew its lone goal from Go Sekiguchi to barge into the win column this

fall season. Sekiguchi found the back of the net in the 18th minute and Paire failed to counter, absorbing its second defeat in as many matches.

In the other game in the boys U17 division, Matansa

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First swim meet set for Saturday

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The swimming season on the island begins this Saturday as Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation holds its first meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The weekend event is a timed one with swim marks to be considered in the CNMI's record book. The meet will run from 8am to 11am with warm-ups starting at 7am. Events lined up are 100m butterfly, 200m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 400m individual medley, 50m butterfly, and 50m backstroke for the first batch. The second set, which will start 10 minutes after the 50m backstroke heats conclude, will have the 400m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 200m butterfly,

100m freestyle, 200m backstroke, 200m IM, 50 breaststroke, and 50m freestyle. NMISF will then take another 10-minute break before capping the meet with the 200m

medley relay and the 200m freestyle relay events. Saipan Swim Club and Tsu-

nami Saipan members are expected to join the first tournament of the season. SSC needs nine individuals to volunteer

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru competes in the 200m butterfly event in a local meet early this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. The 2016-2017 swim season will start this Saturday.